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Crystal Palace skipper Jim Cannon
(white strip) in aerial combat with
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SHOOT view!

THE Football Association should be congratulated on their far-reaching plans to clean-up football and restore pride and sanity to the game.

They have worked fast and bravely to launch a massive campaign designed to outlaw hooliganism both on and off the field.

Gordon McQueen discusses the plan in his popular column elsewhere in this issue. But several points made by the special F.A. Committee established to crack down on unruly behaviour are worthy of further comment.

Ban on alcohol in grounds: Many hooligans are drunk long before they get to grounds and it is surely the duty of clubs to improve their catering facilities rather than curtail them. But committees on crowd control insist that alcohol is a factor in disorderly conduct, so who are we to argue?

Ban trouble-making fans: A wise decision. We have called for the issue of identity cards. If a supporter behaves badly his disc is withdrawn.

Ban cheap rail trips for all away games: Only official members of clubs' travel groups will be granted train "specials". This will encourage more fans to join supporters clubs and travel in safety.

Ban obscene chanting: Careful deployment of stewards, police and the use of TV monitors should rid grounds of obscenities.

Ban players from excessive shows of exuberance: Players must set an example with good behaviour. Their responsibilities have never been greater. Let's have fewer clenched-fist salutes and more humour.

Ban the professional foul: It has always left a nasty taste and we feel it should be punished with a red card. The players' union have been asked to co-operate and the F.A. is right to clamp down on premeditated foul play.

Stiffer penalties for player misbehaviour: Vince Hilaire (Crystal Palace) and Terry Curran (Sheffield Wednesday) were heavily penalised for bad conduct. They learned a lesson. Even stiffer penalties should ensure a clean-up on the pitch, and a better standard of behaviour on the terraces.

Press and TV to 'play down' incidents: This is welcomed. The media's job should be to help promote the game, not criticise it. Referees deserve more protection from the all-seeing cameras.

The F.A. Committee's proposals, to be placed before an extraordinary general meeting of the Football League this month, are merely a start in a determined effort to restore football to its rightful position as the most popular game in Britain.

F.A. Cup Third Round preview



A bad draw for top

IF EVER there was a draw which conspired to rob the F.A. Cup of as many of football's biggest names at as early a stage as possible, then this was surely the one.

The draw for the Third Round of this season's F.A. Cup, which is played on Saturday, January 3, has matched no less than 14 of the 22 First Division clubs in direct opposition.

Of the 44 clubs in the top half of the League, 40 will be playing against each other, leaving at least 12 survivors from the lower end of the tables in the last 32.

Only Liverpool, Watford, Oldham and Shrewsbury were fortunate enough to enjoy a pairing against lower League opposition, although in the case of the latter three, the prospects of a giant-killing are very much in evidence.

Watford, no mean Cup fighters themselves, travel to Third Division Colchester United, the team who crushed mighty Leeds United back in 1971. With Watford old-boys Mike Walker and Mike Packer now at Layer Road, the match could be a real thriller.

Oldham travel to Fourth Division

THIRD ROUND DRAW

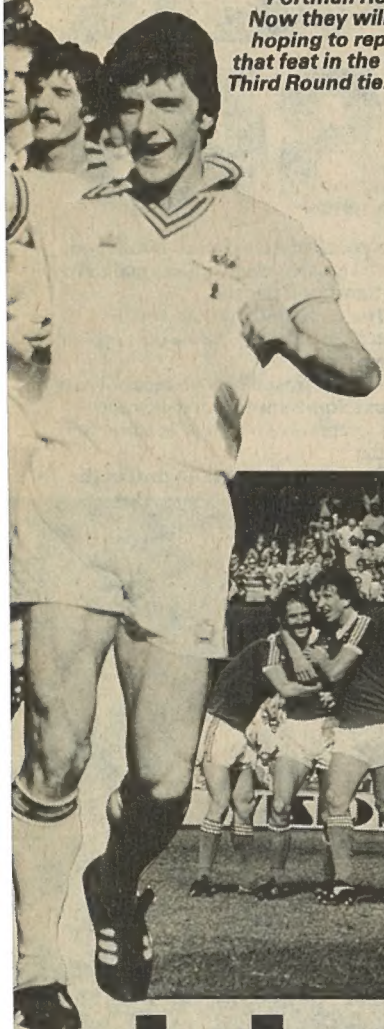
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Birmingham v Sunderland
Port Vale v Enfield
Bury v Fulham
Colchester v Watford
Derby v Bristol City
Everton v Arsenal
Gillingham/Maidstone v Exeter
Huddersfield v Shrewsbury
Hull/Blyth Spartans v Doncaster
Ipswich v Aston Villa
Leeds v Coventry
Leicester v Cardiff
Liverpool v Altrincham
Manchester City v Crystal Palace
Manchester Utd v Brighton
Mansfield v Carlisle
Newcastle v Sheffield Wed
Norwich v Cambridge
Nottm. Forest v Bolton
Notts County v Blackburn
Orient v Luton
Peterborough v Chesterfield
Plymouth v Charlton
Preston v Bristol Rovers
QPR v Spurs
Southampton v Chelsea
Stoke v Wolves
Swansea v Middlesbrough
WBA v Grimsby
West Ham v Wrexham
Wimbledon v Oldham

SHOOT'S PREDICTIONS

Barnsley
Birmingham
Port Vale
Bury
Watford
Derby
Arsenal
Gillingham
Huddersfield
Doncaster
Aston Villa
Leeds
Leicester
Liverpool
Man. City
Man. Utd
Mansfield
Sheff. Wed.
Norwich
Nottm. Forest
Blackburn
Orient
Chesterfield
Charlton
Preston
Spurs
Southampton
Stoke
Swansea
WBA
West Ham
Oldham

Cup odds: 5-1 Liverpool, 8-1 Nottm. Forest, 9-1 Ipswich, Man. Utd, 14-1 Arsenal, Tottenham, WBA, 16-1 Everton, Aston Villa, Southampton, 20-1 Bar.

West Ham (left) take their first step along the road to Wembley with a home game against Second Division rivals Wrexham. Ipswich (dark shirts, below) celebrate their League victory over Aston Villa at Portman Road. Now they will be hoping to repeat that feat in the top Third Round tie.



Maine Road, when Malcolm Allison returns to his former stamping ground with his new club Crystal Palace.

Palace's League form has been indifferent to say the least, and under John Bond's leadership Manchester City have been enjoying a marked revival in fortunes of late.

But, as they say, the Cup is a great leveller, and nothing would give Big Mal more pleasure than victory at the scene of some of his greatest triumphs — and disappointments.

Following Allison's removal from the Maine Road management to make way for Bond, there were some strong words uttered between the two former West Ham team-mates.

But both insist that all past arguments have been forgotten, and they are just hoping for a fine game of soccer between two entertaining teams. We are, too.

But if Allison's return to Maine

at the Goldstone in November.

Even Andy Ritchie's first game back at Old Trafford probably won't be enough to spare Albion's early departure.

Sunderland travel to Birmingham hoping to recapture their early League form, Leeds are at home to Coventry City while Stoke City and Wolves will clash at the Victoria Ground.

Other eye-catching Third Round ties include Chelsea's visit to The Dell to face Southampton. Before Kevin Keegan's move from Hamburger SV, Chelsea fancied their chances of signing the former European Footballer of the Year, and now they will be trying to prove him wrong by delivering his new side an early K.O. blow.

If tradition is anything to go by, then this year's winners' will almost certainly be Tottenham Hotspur, who seem to make a habit of winning the F.A. Cup every 20 years.

The time is due once again, but



Malcolm Allison, returning to Manchester City.

Road makes for the greatest off-the-field spectacle of the Third Round, there can be little doubt that on the actual park, the definite place to be is Portman Road when Ipswich take on Aston Villa.

Undoubtedly the two in-form teams of the season, there is so little to choose between the two sides that it could take at least two matches to resolve. It was a difficult decision, but we take Villa to just sneak it in a replay.

Maintain

Another cracking game is sure to take place at Goodison Park when Arsenal travel to meet Everton. Having reached Wembley for the last three years, Arsenal will certainly be out to maintain their unique record, but could just come unstuck against a rapidly improving Everton side.

Everton's problems this season have been keeping the goals out, while Arsenal's are at the other end of the field, where they have found goals hard to come by. Again this could go to a replay, with The Gunners pinching victory at Highbury.

In the other all-First Division ties, Brighton's visit to Old Trafford will probably prove fruitless. Although Manchester United had drawn 14 of their first 22 League games, they managed a convincing 4-1 victory

first they must negotiate a tricky visit to Loftus Road, where Queens Park Rangers boss Terry Venables will be plotting the downfall of his former club.

Nottingham Forest, not enjoying the best of seasons so far, will hope to make amends with a Third Round victory over recently relegated Bolton Wanderers at the City Ground, while Swansea's game against Middlesbrough could just prove one of the earliest upsets of the competition.

Third Division leaders Charlton travel to Plymouth, while Newcastle and Sheffield Wednesday should prove some fine entertainment at St. James' Park.

Of the non-League winners, only Isthmian League Enfield won through to the Third Round at the first time of asking. Their reward is the chance of further progress away to Fourth Division Port Vale.

They have since been joined by Alliance League Altrincham, who won their Second Round replay 1-0 against Scunthorpe, while Blyth Spartans and Maidstone were facing second replays before discovering their fate in this season's competition.

Whichever way you look at it, there are sure to be some thrilling games around the country, and once again the whole nation will be gripped by the magic of the F.A. Cup.

WHY WE'VE GONE UP!

NO company enjoys putting up prices, especially during these tough days of recession, inflation and unemployment.

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All the best ...



Peter Stewart

EDITOR

clubs

Wimbledon, who have also enjoyed their fair share of Cup upsets, while Shrewsbury are at rapidly improving Huddersfield.

And while the majority of the major clubs will be locked in mortal combat this Saturday, Liverpool's Cup-draw luck held out once again when they were drawn at home to non-League Altrincham.

Altrincham have drawn at Everton and Tottenham in past F.A. Cup feats and are the first non-League side in 60 years to reach the Third Round in three successive seasons, but we can't see the mighty Reds slipping up against these Cup minnows at Anfield.

Holders West Ham make their first defence of the trophy which they captured in such dramatic style last May with a home game against those redoubtable Cup fighters from Wrexham.

The two sides drew 2-2 at the Racecourse Ground at the tail end of November, but we reckon The Hammers will prove just a shade too good this time.

Certainly the most intriguing of all the games will take place at

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FRIDO ENGLAND TANGO FOOTBALLS TO BE WON!

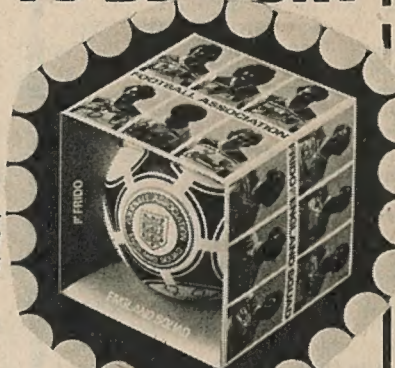
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England. Complete the coupon and
paste it on a postcard (or the back
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(below) in a World Cup-tie at
Wembley on November 19th, 1980.
The first was an own-goal by
Switzerland's Tanner. Who scored
the second?

2. England's recognised third
choice 'keeper is Joe Corrigan. Has
he won five, ten or 15 full caps?

3. Next May England play a
glamour friendly at Wembley. Will
it be against Brazil, Italy or West
Germany?



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MY ANSWERS

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I BACK BIG

I COULD hardly wait to write this
week's column, to hit back at the
accusations by referee Clive
Thomas that there's a growing
number of "cheats" among players.

He said players deliberately
provoke crowds against officials, try
to get opponents booked or
sent-off, feign injury, steal ground
at free-kicks and are unable to
accept authority on the field.

Like many players I was stunned
by Clive's outburst. He is one of the
world's finest referees and an
influential force. Because of his
power many people will take his
word as gospel.

I totally respect Clive and his right



to voice an opinion. But I feel his
comments were ill-timed, when
many people are trying hard to
improve the game's image.

This sort of public criticism
doesn't do anyone any good at all.

If Clive has any grumbles about
individual players he should contact
their managers and have a quiet
word with them.

As Trevor Brooking and Alan
Gowling, the new chairman of the
P.F.A. have said: "It's up to referees
to handle matches. They have the
power to deal with persistent
offenders and should use it."

Personally I would welcome more
liaison and a better relationship
between players and officials.

Allow them to spend more time
training with clubs, getting to know
players, giving lectures.

We should all work together for
the good — and future of football.

By and large players do accept a
referee's authority, but there are
times when they make it very
difficult.

Some referees treat players like
children and deliberately provoke
them. I'm talking about the times
they stop a game and beckon an
offender towards them with their
finger.

No one likes to be made a fool of
in front of 30,000 people. Can you
wonder some players react.

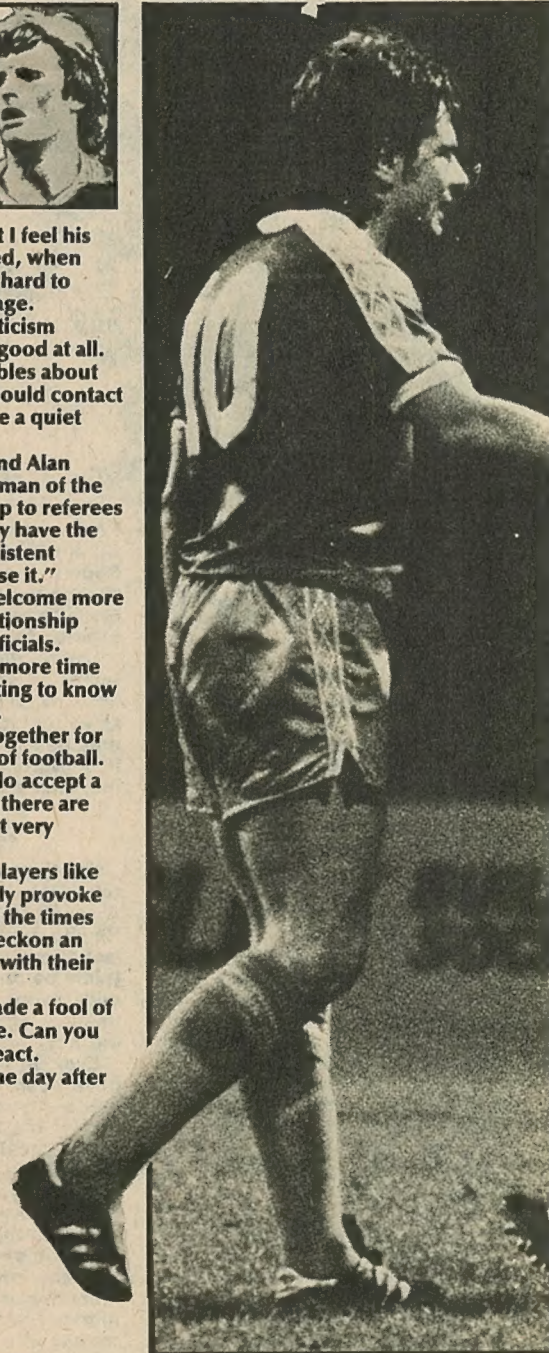
Clive's report came the day after

the Football Association published
their massive clean-up campaign to
outlaw hooliganism.

The main points are listed in
detail on page two so I won't repeat
them here.

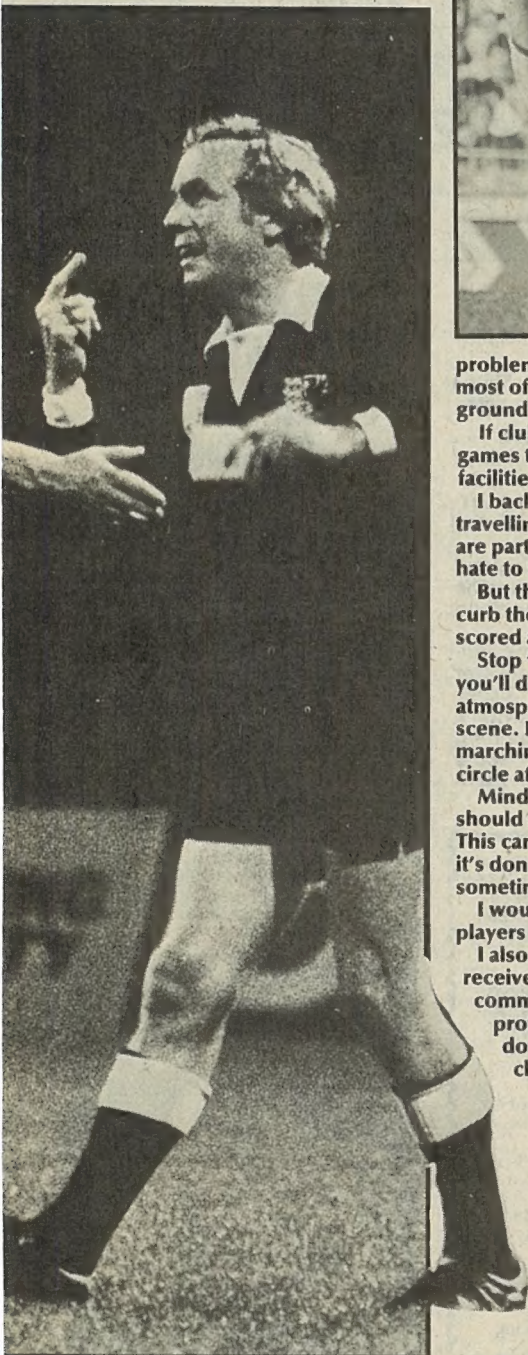
The proposed ban on alcohol may
cause some controversy because
it's a valuable source of income for
clubs.

Drink is definitely the root of the



THE F.A.'s CLEAN-UP'

McQueen feels the professional foul (perfectly illustrated by Willie Young against West Ham in last season's F.A. Cup Final) should be outlawed.



problem, but generally fans do most of their drinking OUTSIDE the grounds.

If clubs are to attract people to games they must provide these facilities not withdraw them.

I back the F.A. plan to stop travelling supporters unless they are part of an organised party, and hate to hear obscene chanting.

But there's no way players can curb their emotions when they've scored a goal.

Stop "kissing and cuddling" and you'll destroy a lot of the atmosphere. Can you imagine the scene. Players would be like robots marching smartly back to the centre circle after hitting a goal.

Mind you, I do agree players should stop the clenched fist salute. This can spark trouble especially if it's done to rival fans, which sometimes happens.

I would support any move to stop players doing this.

I also agree players should receive heavier punishments for committing the intimidating professional foul, like hauling down an opponent when he's clean through.

Former Manchester City star Willie Donachie (left) gets into trouble with a referee.

The F.A. want to stop extra celebrations after a goal.



A booking for the player and a free-kick to the attacking side doesn't really fit the crime.

Send-off players in these circumstances, but don't ban them for three games. A one match ban should be enough.

I don't know what I would do in this sort of situation, but at least United give us the choice.

While manager Dave Sexton doesn't condone this action, I don't believe he would punish anyone committing the offence.

There are some managers and players who would criticise a team-mate if he *didn't* bring down an opponent in a good scoring position.

The F.A. are to be congratulated on their action, but perhaps they should have been brought in earlier — like ten years ago. Then the problem might have been nipped in the bud.

Still, better late than never.

The fear is, there won't be another generation of football fans unless hooliganism is stamped out once and for all.

At least these F.A. measures represent a gigantic step forward.

Thank goodness it's F.A. Cup time again. The glamour and excitement of the Third Round which kicks off this Saturday (January 3rd).

Manchester United take on Brighton at Old Trafford. We've already beaten The Seagulls 4-1 at their place, but as long as we go into the Fourth Round draw, I don't mind what score we beat them by.

See you in two weeks . . .

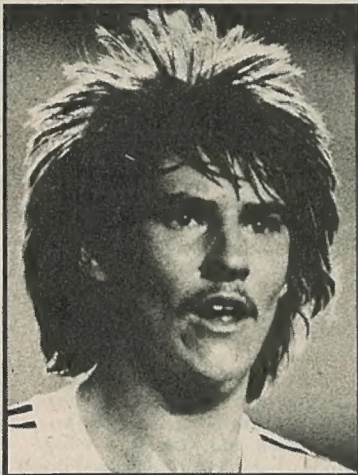
Lyons McQueen

MIDDLESBROUGH midfielder star Craig Johnston is certain to be involved in a big-money transfer this year. Top clubs are ready to pounce when Boro give the nod over a player whose contract runs out at the end of the season.

Yet Johnston is not included in goalkeeper Jim Platt's Top Team from his ten years at Ayresome Park.

Platt, who helped Northern Ireland win the British Championships this year, goes for a midfield trio of Liverpool star Graeme Souness and former Celtic star Bobby Murdoch, with ex-Northern Ireland international Eric McMoradie a surprise choice.

Platt writes in his Testimonial brochure: "I know McMoradie's selection will surprise many Middlesbrough fans. Yet Eric won over 20 caps for Northern Ireland. He had a lot of skill and I am sure he would shine between such great players as Souness and Murdoch."



SWANSEA City manager John Toshack thought that he had covered all the angles when he signed Yugoslav international full-back Dzemal Hadziabdic (above) for £160,000 from Velez Mostar.

At the start, he brought in an interpreter; helped the stylish defender to find a home; provided the nickname of 'Jimmy' so that Dzemal felt at home in the dressing room and smoothed his way through a difficult transition... all that John forgot to warn him about was traffic wardens!

Dzemal, who could not speak a word of English when he arrived, was baffled to find small pieces of paper regularly stuck beneath his windscreen wipers. Finally, he took them all into the club and tipped them on to a desk... they totalled £55 in his first couple of weeks!

Finest

That has been the only hitch in an otherwise outstanding start. 'Jimmy' has helped the Swans cement one of the finest defences in the Second Division and did not miss a match from the moment he arrived.

"A magnificent achievement," praises Toshack. "He has adapted confidently and professionally to a big change in his life, has played consistent high quality football and been one of the success stories of our season."

'PLAYERS EARN TOO MUCH'—Hill

JIMMY HILL, the man who campaigned so successfully for the abolition of the maximum wage, is now complaining bitterly that there is too big an imbalance between the wages received and the money taken at the gate.

Hill, now chairman of Coventry City, said: "The whole business is now unreal and something will have to be done about the matter."

"I have consistently said that play-

ers should be paid only what they earn. These days clubs are even paying bonuses before anything has been achieved. It is a crazy situation."

Hill, however, is delighted with the progress of the Midlands club. He proudly pointed out that they do not owe a single penny to the banks and that they have invested some £200,000 in Detroit Express.

But there is still the problem of the players' wages...

TWO-FOOTED COPPELL'S MESSAGE TO GREENWOOD



MANCHESTER United winger Steve Coppel — said to be "deadly" inside the six yard box by Ron Greenwood because of all the close range goals he scores for England — has proved to himself that his left-foot can be lethal from 25 yards.

"Obviously my right foot's my stronger one," says Coppel, "but I always knew that I could really whack a ball with my left if I was given the right opportunity."

Coppel was given such an opportunity in a recent match at Norwich and his left-foot pile-driver took the goalkeeper by surprise and thrilled "Match of the Day" viewers.

That goal brought the England winger's League tally to 50, and he joked: "I hope Ron Greenwood took note."

● Another example of the fantastic pulling power of Manchester United... when Garry Birtles made his first appearance with a ball at the club's Cliff training ground, more than 150 people turned up to watch. All of them were adults.

FOOTBALL needs its fans, but not the sort who drive players away.

Down the years there have been examples of boo boys centring their attentions on certain players, and one who is suffering at present is Wigan Athletic's Jeff Wright.

The club's longest serving player, Jeff was recently put on the transfer list at his own request because of the abuse to which he was being subjected at Springfield Park.

Wigan manager Ian McNeill doesn't want to lose Wright, but he recognises the situation has become intolerable.

Before being left out against Bradford City, Wright had played in every one of Wigan's 110 consecutive Fourth Division games, and McNeill said: "His request to move is nothing to do with discontent with the club, it's purely and simply a section of the supporters who are driving him away with their unfair barracking."

BILLY WRIGHT'S CAP FOR £300

NOTTINGHAM Forest veteran John O'Hare has now added an England cap to the collection of 13 he won in the early 70's for Scotland.

But it cost him a cool £300 at a charity auction to land the cap that Billy Wright (below) earned playing for England against Italy in Florence in 1952.

O'Hare, still a valued member of Brian Clough's Forest squad, had no regrets about paying out such a "heady" amount.

He revealed: "It was all in a good cause anyway, but I was very keen to get the cap. It's got to be something special to have one of the caps won by the first bloke to play 100 times for England."

"I can't really remember seeing Billy play but he must have been some player to be England's centre-half for so long when you consider how tall he is."

"I didn't win as many as Billy so I've still got all 13 caps that I won for Scotland. I'm just delighted to have added to my collection."



NEWS DESK

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BILL DAY



Sparky Kellow

TONY KELLOW is certainly making the sparks fly in the Third Division.

The former electrician has topped the 20-goal mark already this season for Exeter, the club with whom he is having a second spell.

Kellow, who had a number of top clubs watching him this season, first joined Exeter from Falmouth in July, 1976. He moved on to Blackpool in November, 1978, for £125,000 and rejoined Exeter last March.

Last season he hit 12 goals for Blackpool and five for Exeter and the figures for the two clubs the previous season were 11 and seven respectively. He will make those totals for a season look small beer this term.



Jim's a winner

PROMISING full-back Jim Branagan (above) owes his chance of Second Division football with Blackburn to a victory salute. Blackburn boss Howard Kendall explains: "I couldn't make up my mind whether to sign Jim from Huddersfield last year.

"I had watched him three times and decided to have another look when he turned out for their reserves against Coventry in the Central League.

"Huddersfield won and when the final whistle went Jim punched the air with joy. It was obvious that winning meant a great deal to him and I felt that anyone who could get so involved in a reserve game was a great man to have in your side. Jim has proved me right this season."

'DROP ME' pleads Eastoe

EVERTON's leading scorer Peter Eastoe (right) recently surprised the Goodison Park faithful by suggesting that he should not be in the side!

Since scoring his first goal for the club in March this year at Aston Villa, Eastoe had averaged a goal almost every other game, and his form this season has been a revelation.

So why did he suggest that Gordon Lee should drop him? "That's what I need sometimes," says Eastoe, "a kick up the back-side."

"My general play hasn't been too good lately, although I haven't had any problems in the penalty-area.

"I need motivating the whole time. When I was left out of the side at Sunderland on the opening day of the season all I wanted was to get on and score. That happened for me.

"Perhaps being dropped is a little drastic, but it would get me going again."



Briefly...

● Clydebank are the first Scottish senior club to instal a computer in their office at Kilbowie Park. The £11,000 machine will handle the wages, and the accounts of the club and its development and social clubs.

● Dave Smith, ambitious manager of Southend, certainly believes in thoroughly checking the opposition his side might face in the Third Division next season.

Huddersfield Town officials were amazed when he turned up for their midweek night match with Burnley, which meant a round trip of 400 miles. Dave's reason: "I spotted the fixture in the morning paper and thought it would be a real cracker."

● When Dundee United defeated neighbours Dundee 3-0 in the Scottish League Cup Final they were the fifth Scottish side to retain the Cup. The other clubs who have achieved this are Rangers, Hearts, Celtic and — Dundee!

● Ballymena United were the first Northern Ireland side to hit 50 competitive goals in 1980-81. Talented teenager Nigel Worthington topped the half-century mark for the Sky Blues, when he netted their solitary score in a 1-2 home League defeat by revamped Glentoran.

● Wanted — two fans who know all about the history of Crewe and Halifax Town. They are the only two clubs in England not represented in the fast-growing Association of Football Statisticians, who already have members able to provide details of European and American clubs. The Crewe and Halifax fans are wanted to be on call to provide any statistics regarding their clubs.

● Ten Royal Marine commandos based at HMS Condor, Arbroath, have set a new world record for five-a-side football. Despite atrocious weather conditions, the marines clocked up 73 hours of football, beating the previous world record held by an English youth team by eight hours. The Guinness Book of Records has confirmed the marines' claim to the world title.

SCOTCH FOR SCOT

SCOT George Mulhall, boss of Bradford City, was elected Manager of the Month. A gallon bottle of Scotch award being handed over here by David Lee, of Bell's, sponsors of the award.

Bradford missed promotion by the narrowest of margins last season.



SHOOT/POLAROID COMPETITION RESULT

1 — D; 2 — B; 3 — F; 4 — E; 5 — G; 6 — H; 7 — A; 8 — C.

All readers submitting this order took part in a postal eliminating contest from which the first prizewinner was judged to be Christopher Coverdale of Middlesbrough, who wins a Polaroid Polavision kit

Robert Ames, London N22.
A. C. Berry, Teddington.
Andrew Brown, Pudsey.
James Byrne, Farnborough.
Padraic Carolan, Co. Mayo.

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Richard Maw,
Burton-on-Trent. David
Meppem, Hexham. Damien

Mullan, Portstewart. Neil
Perkins, Crowborough.
Jason Riley, Winslow. Leo
Scutchings, Hove. Bruce
Sinclair, Aberdeen. Julie

Smith, Lancashire. Carl
Watson, Sheffield. Gareth
Webb, Bolton. Daniel
Williams, London W1. Robin
Wisniewski, Solihull.
Richard Wood, Barnsley.

IPSWICH—THIRD ROUND STARS

IPSWICH TOWN have the longest run of Third Round ties without defeat among all those playing on Saturday, for they have not lost at this stage of the competition since Manchester United came to Portman Road and beat them 1-0 in January, 1970. Even then it was an 'own goal' by Mick McNeill which gave the visitors victory.

Since that defeat, Ipswich have played 11 Third Round F.A. Cup games, winning ten and drawing one.

● NEXT to Ipswich the club with the best current run in the Third Round are Wolves, who have not lost in this round since Leeds United beat them 1-0 in a replay at Elland Road after a 1-1 draw in 1973-74.

● On the other hand the First Division sides most desperate for a win on Saturday will be Norwich City and Sunderland, each with only one win in their last eight F.A. Cup ties.

Norwich City's win in that run of ties was at Yeovil last season when goals by Graham Paddon, Keith Robson and Justin Fashanu brought them a 3-0 victory.

Sunderland's solitary win in their last eight F.A. Cup ties was in the Third Round of 1978-79 when they beat Everton 2-1 at Roker Park with goals from Gary Powell (pen) and Bob Lee.

WHY do Glenn Hoddle and Russell Osman go in goal for Spurs and Ipswich respectively if ever the regular 'keepers are injured in a match? Simple — they were both excellent rugby players as schoolboys. So their managers reckon they know all about catching the ball!



THE Football Association is planning major celebrations to commemorate the 100th F.A. Cup Final.

They are contacting every player who has captained a Cup winning side and is still alive, and are hoping to find the oldest surviving player to have appeared in any Cup Final.

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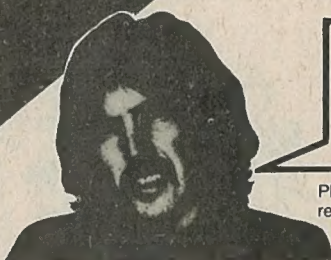
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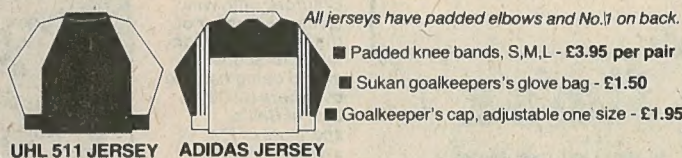


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Alfredo di Stefano scores in Real Madrid's 7-3 European Cup triumph at Hampden Park in 1960.

I CAN hardly believe what I have been reading in the Scottish Press recently about the bulldozers ready to move into Hampden and kill off Scotland's national stadium.

I know the facilities at Hampden may not be of the highest standards, but what a shame it would be if Scotland lost its home of football. Hampden is our mecca as far as I'm concerned.

I realise that international games could be played at Ibrox, Parkhead, Pittodrie and elsewhere and that millions of pounds are not available to pour into saving Hampden, but it will certainly be a sad occasion on the day they start to dismantle the famous old ground.

Just think of the great, truly unforgettable games that have been played there in the past.

Will anyone ever forget that greatest of all European Cup Finals about 20 years ago when Real Madrid, inspired by the goalscoring exploits of that marvellous double-act of Alfredo di Stefano and Ferenc Puskas, beat West Germany's Eintracht Frankfurt in Glasgow?

Real won 7-3 that day and Glasgow really belonged to them as the Scots fans took the Spaniards to their hearts.

I was just a kid when that game was played, but I've seen brief glimpses of it on the television since then and I just wish I had been around to see Real at their peak.

And what about all those magnifi-

'I HOPE HAMPDEN IS SAVED'



cent international matches on the hallowed turf? How can we bury the memories of the night Scotland beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 to get through to the World Cup Finals in West Germany in '74?

That game had drama, excitement and heart-stopping moments as every Scot kicked every ball, willing his country through to the World Cup Finals for the first time in 16 years.

How my heart sank when Nehoda blasted a long range effort past goalkeeper Ally Hunter to put the Czechs ahead. It looked as though Scotland were going to go so close, but fail yet again when it mattered most.

But how I danced with joy when big Jim Holton climbed above the Czech defence to nod in the equal-

iser, and the whole of Scotland went crazy when substitute Joe Jordan headed in the winner.

I still get a little tingle when I think about that game. I didn't play, but I was so proud to be Scottish that night. It meant so much for us to get on the world soccer map again after what seemed an eternity in the wilderness.

Forget

And I've got my own happy memories of Hampden, of course. I'll never forget my winning goal in the League Cup Final against Celtic when I was only 16.

That header really sparked off my career and made Hampden my happy hunting ground. The following season I scored a last minute equaliser against Celtic in the Scottish Cup Final, but, alas, we lost the replay 2-1. I remember Celtic's Jimmy Johnstone was unstoppable. I was hoping the other Johnstone — yours truly — might have been the man to enjoy the champagne that night!

I've scored goals in Cup Finals, crucial vital scores that will live with me forever and I'll talk about them more in a future column.

Yes, I'll be sad if — or when — Hampden is finally closed down. They say it will happen at the end of the season, and that is something which I am not looking forward to.

Football can be very harsh at times and some things seem unacceptable. This is an occasion that will be mourned by everyone unless there is a last minute kiss of life. I don't see that happening, so it looks as though Scotland's home of football is about to come under the hammer.

The memories will live on forever, though. They can't take that away from me or any other Scottish football fan...

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YES AND WE WERE ROBBED, THOSE BOOTS LET IN WATER!



AT 23 Les Sealey, Coventry City's in form goalkeeper, could be called a veteran in a Sky Blues side littered with young players.

"I'm one of the oldest at the club," he says. "It's a men against boys situation in most of our games. They're all kids really. Some of them have just come out of school and Peter Bodak looks like he should still be there."

"He's 19, but he's on the small side. But he has plenty of confidence and I am sure he will develop into a fine player."

"It's a young team, but it's also one that can only get better, as we have proved by reaching the League Cup Semi-Finals."

"The youngsters are learning fast and once they mature then Coventry City will be a team to fear."

"It's different playing behind them now than it used to be. Apart from heavy defeats by Tottenham and Everton the majority have been by the odd goal."

"The midfield fluctuates with Andy Blair, Steve Hunt, Gerry Daly, Danny Thomas and Nicky Phillips. Gerry Daly's experience has proved invaluable and the youngsters around him have responded."

"Steve Hunt is having a fine season. He never stops running and covers the whole pitch during 90 minutes. He's one of the best midfield players in the First Division."

"Up front the choice is varied. We have Peter Bodak, Garry Thompson, Mark Hateley, Roger Van Gool and Tom English."

LES SEALEY

Coventry's 23-year-old 'veteran'

"Van Gool has been dogged by injuries since he arrived from Belgium, but when he is fit he's an exciting player to watch."

"Coventry are gradually changing their image and our appearance in the League Cup Semis has made people sit up and take notice."

"The atmosphere and morale among the players is high and we are confident we can reach our first-ever major Cup Final by beating West Ham over the two games."

"The experience of beating Watford in the Quarter-Finals will help the youngsters grow up and you don't need any more incentive than the chance to play at Wembley."

Sealey feels the Highfield Road supporters could get behind the side more and says: "It came to the stage not long ago when we preferred to play away from home."

"The fans pay their money and they demand success. They don't seem to realise that we're a young team playing in possibly the hardest League in the world against experienced sides. It isn't easy."



"The players know what they're up against with the spectators because they're very fickle and they won't support you unless you're successful."

"Let's face it. We've yet to win a major honour and I am sure we have the potential for high attendances if we can land that elusive first trophy."

"We haven't even got a TV following. We're not in the same coverage League as Manchester United, Liverpool and Tottenham. But times change and you never know what's going to happen in football."

'Famed'

"Even Manchester United are struggling. They get big crowds when they are winning, yet when we played them they were slow handclapping and booing at half-time, and they're famed for good support."

"Liverpool are the same. Their fans were moaning and groaning when we played them. Someone has got to take over from these clubs."

"Leeds are a good example. The Elland Road club were on top of the footballing world in 1970 but now they've dropped to below mediocre."

"Things change quickly in football. All we need at Coventry is a break. The League Cup could provide that if we overcome West Ham in the Semis."

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Seven of the country's top stars whose present value is around £7 million have been missing this season because of injury.

Thankfully Trevor Francis is back. The others are also well on the way to recovery and should be in action soon.

The game has certainly missed these players.



ANDY GRAY
Wolves

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FRONT ROW: Smith, Dick, Tydeman, Viggo Jacobson, Phil Warrman, Kevin Delfaeson



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

DEREK Hales, once branded soccer's "bad boy" in a stormy career, could have had every excuse necessary for missing Charlton's game against Gillingham.

His legs had been badly battered in a series of bruising collisions in previous games and if a doctor had been called in for a diagnosis on the striker's condition before the game at Priestfield, he might well have given him a sick-note.

But the spirit of the "new" Charlton Athletic is such that Hales shrugged-off the injuries, turning out with his calves and ankles heavily padded.

His self-sacrifice was rewarded handsomely when the bearded striker thrust

himself into the heart of Gillingham's defence to head the winning goal — and edge Charlton into the record books.

Victory extended the Third Division leader's unbeaten run to 14 games, their best since 1926-27.

"You shouldn't miss from six yards," said Hales modestly with his 16th goal of the season nestling in the net.

This was the same reformed player who won countless admirers by admitting that his goal in Charlton's F.A. Cup defeat of Harlow was a fluke.

Hales' rejuvenation after suffering many setbacks in a controversial career is typical of Charlton's new found spirit under the enterprising management of Mike Bailey.

In the few months the former Wolves half-back has been in charge at The Valley, he

has transformed the club from an outfit going nowhere fast to a dynamic, thriving club with real hopes of winning promotion at the end of the season.

Hales has cornered some of the credit for Charlton's success, but an 18-year-old striker born in Abbey Wood, South London, is wooing the fans to an even greater extent than his more experienced team-mate.

The name is Paul Walsh. He was discovered by Charlton as an 11-year-old brimming with talent. Now, his goalscoring feats are interesting the glamour clubs.

Les Gore, Charlton's chief scout, whose expert eye has unearthed hundreds of fine players since the War, claims that Walsh is the "best young player" he has seen.

"He's an old fashioned player. He holds the ball well and beats people, a skill that is

sadly missing from the modern game. "He has always had plenty of individual skill — and he's so keen that we have to tell him to go home sometimes."

"He reminds me of a young Kenny Dalglish."

Mr. Gore is one of only three scouts at Charlton, but their efforts have been well rewarded by the arrival of several outstanding youngsters.

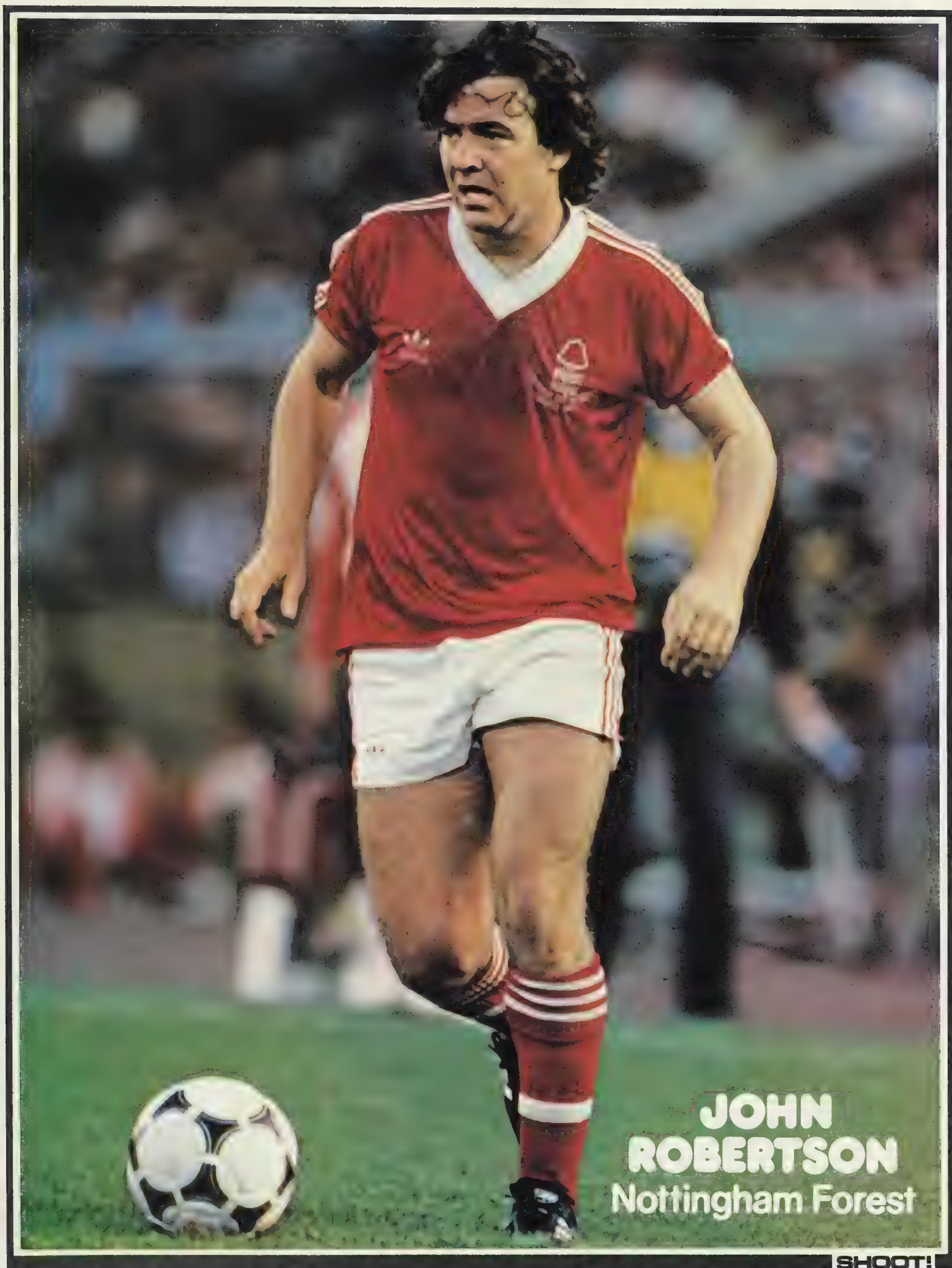
Kevin Smith, 18, a midfield player, is another fine prospect being shown the way by manager Mike Bailey.

Les Gore reserves the highest praise for the Charlton boss.

"Mike's skill is man management. The players would do anything for him."

Few would argue with that assessment in a marvellous season for The Robins.

SHOOT!



**JOHN
ROBERTSON**
Nottingham Forest

SHOOT!

JIM CLUNIE was relaxing in his bath when his wife received a telephone call from St. Mirren chairman John Corson that started some of the most astonishing and nonsensical happenings in Scottish soccer history.

The call requested Clunie to turn up at the chairman's garage that morning for talks. When Clunie, who has just led his team to a superb 2-1 triumph over Celtic at Parkhead only four days beforehand, arrived at the destination he was told he was out of a job.

"Shattered" ... that was Clunie's reaction afterwards when asked how he felt. He repeated: "Absolutely shattered. I can't take it all in. I knew the directors were talking about me, but I couldn't hear what they were saying."

"I still find it all hard to take. It was completely out of the blue. There was no warning whatsoever."

Clunie has every right to be more than a little shocked when you consider his achievements at Love Street in only two years.

He led them to third place in the Premier Division last season and took them into Europe for the first time in their history. The Saints also won the Anglo-Scottish Cup, beating holders Bristol City home and away to become the first Scottish side to win the trophy.

Why, then, was he sacked? It's the obvious question. The answer is more than a little startling.

The Paisley directors say it had nothing to do with results and was with a view to the long term!

Now there are amazing claims that the wife of vice chairman Gordon Foulds took exception to Clunie's language which could be laced with the odd four letter word.

Foulds had the backing of four other members of the seven man Board when the sacking was called for. Chairman John Corson and other Board member Yule Craig were the men who were against the sensational move to get rid of the manager who had done so much for the club since taking over from Alex Ferguson.

Scottish managers are looking closely at the Clunie situation and are not at all happy.

One boss puts it this way: "We are losing the dignity that should be attached to the job. We are also being treated very shabbily. No matter how hard you work or how much effort you put into it, it's a job without any guarantees."

Trend

There has even been sensational talk of a strike among Scotland's bosses if the trend continues to downgrade team managers.

Could this happen? One boss says: "Don't bet against it. We must take a stand at some point. There are 37 professional clubs in Scotland — excluding Queen's Park — and in 1980 alone 15 clubs had a change of manager."

So, it appears that Jim Clunie, Lawrie McMenemy's former assistant at Southampton, lost his job at St. Mirren because he possibly couldn't control his players. Where will it all end?

CLUNIE'S SENSATIONAL SACKING



'Lucky Liverpool!'

ALTRINCHAM have robbed me of an experience every player dreams of — playing against his former club.

By beating Scunthorpe, who transferred me to Liverpool in 1967 for a modest, five-figure fee — they have, however, realised one of their own great ambitions: to play the most successful, glamorous club in the land on its own pitch, before an audience of tens of thousands of Cup-fevered fans.

I believe this is the first time since the War a non-League club has won the right to step out on to the Anfield turf to face the might of Liverpool, and I have nothing but admiration for the Altrincham team and their supporters.

But I trust they'll grant me a touch of sympathy at my disappointment that my old club, Scunthorpe, won't be present on the great day.

For I've long cherished the prospect of playing against The Irons, even though none of the players from my era now remains at the club.

But there's always next year, I suppose. The Cup has an extraordinary knack of throwing up the most amazing coincidences.

So I'm adjusting myself to playing against part-timers, men who have other jobs and are not totally

dependent on football for their living.

To the men of Altrincham this tie is a Cup Final in which they'll give everything. They know they can't match Liverpool for skill, so they'll be keen to outdo us in fighting spirit.

In my time at Liverpool, the Third Round has presented us with some real battles, only one of which we've lost.

That was in 1978, when Chelsea — then a struggling First Division side due for relegation — knocked us out at Stamford Bridge with a well-deserved 4-2 win.

We never recovered after an early goal from Clive Walker, the end result of a cracking shot I could never have saved.

With all credit to Chelsea for a superb performance, we were at fault for approaching the game with the wrong attitude, one of complacency. It's something that comes over us suddenly, without warning, and the most recent example occurred when we travelled to Wolves for a mid-week game after beating Aston Villa at Anfield and, playing like a bunch of strangers waiting to be introduced to each other, crashed 4-1.

Our greatest escape from being

'Doncaster gave us a real scare'



The bearded Steve Heighway gets Liverpool's first replay goal against Doncaster despite the attention of an opposing defender.

'Chelsea delivered a Cup K.O.'

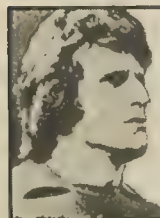
dumped out at the first hurdle was four years earlier, in January, 1974. Our opponents were Doncaster Rovers, at that time bottom of the Fourth Division.

I remember one wag saying: "We're playing the strongest team in the League. They're holding up the other 91."

Doncaster are the home town team of Kevin Keegan, playing for us at the time, and early on he opened the scoring, which proved to be a bad thing. For we eased off the pressure, allowed them back into the game, and they not only equalised but took the lead.

Even after Kevin scored again, ten minutes from time, we continued to live dangerously and would have lost if one of their shots, which had me beaten, had gone in and not rebounded from the crossbar for one of our lads to clear to safety.

And so we lived to play another day. In the replay, which took place in diabolical conditions, with a gale force wind and driving rain, we emerged winners by 2-0.



Ray Clemence TALKING SOCCER

In my first Third Round tie, in 1971 — the year we went to the Final only to lose 2-1 after extra-time to Arsenal — we had a narrow squeak at Anfield against Aldershot.

Generalised by a former Liverpool favourite who knew our secrets, Jimmy Melia, they forced us to play to our limits on an icy pitch.

Fortunately, we scored the only goal of the tie, put home by John McLaughlin, a lad who failed to live up to his great promise.

Another Third Round we were lucky to survive was that of 1977. Crystal Palace came to Anfield and, through failing to capitalise on the many chances they created, allowed us off the hook in a 0-0 draw.

Complain

We dominated the replay at Selhurst Park to go through to the Fourth Round with a 3-2 win.

This season's draw gives us nothing to complain about. We've been drawn at home — and also missed meeting one of our fellow First Division teams.

The number of home ties we've been dealt — particularly in this season's League Cup competition — has resulted in us being tagged "Lucky", a term formerly associated with Arsenal.

I've picked out a selection of ties — which intrigue me for one reason or another — and the first I'll comment on is the one concerning The Gunners from Highbury and our Merseyside neighbours Everton, to

Steve Finnieston scores for Chelsea in Liverpool's last Third Round exit, in 1978.



be played at Goodison Park.

Although Everton are playing well, and scoring a lot, they are also conceding goals, and they must avoid letting Arsenal go in front. For we know — from losing to them in last season's Semi-Finals, which went to three replays — how difficult it is to peg back against them.

Everton have a great chance of winning back their absent fans — only 19,000 saw their recent League win at home against Brighton — by staging a sustained assault on the Cup.

But they've drawn one of the hardest to beat teams in the League!

The outstanding tie of the Round features two teams everyone prayed to avoid — Ipswich and Aston Villa. Gates will be locked for this one, between sides at last playing to their enormous potential.

Possibly the only drawback as far as we're concerned is that the losers will be free to concentrate on the League!

I wouldn't even risk a prediction on which team will win, the forces are so evenly balanced.

However, I will stick my neck out and risk howls of abuse from Manchester United fans by pointing out that United's poor showing at Old Trafford so far suggests they could fall to unfancied Brighton.

Remember, Alan Mullery's team are capable of handing out the occasional shock — such as beating Nottingham Forest last season at the City Ground by 1-0 and ending their run of over 50 games without defeat at the City Ground.

I'm sure I'll antagonise United fans even further by predicting a win for their rivals, Manchester City, over Crystal Palace. This is being billed as a clash between the two managers — John Bond and

Malcolm Allison. That's nonsense, as John Bond pointed out on TV, managers can't score goals — or stop them.

Southampton v Chelsea has all the makings of a rousing Cup-tie, particularly if Kevin Keegan is able to play. Kev always gives 100 per cent, and I suspect that in those games where he hasn't done so, it's the result of carrying an injury.

Some critics have wrongly attributed his disappointing season so far to his involvement in off-field activities. Through knowing him so well, I can testify that he always puts the game first, and will never allow any commercial tie-up to interfere.

Away Form

If Kevin is fit, Saints in my opinion are certain to knock out Chelsea despite their fine away form this season.

One of the results I'll be looking for is that between Swansea, managed by my former team-mate John Toshack, and First Division Middlesbrough. Drawn at home and strengthened by Alan Curtis, resigned from Leeds United, I'm sure The Swans will be stretching their necks with pride after their victory over a Boro playing better than for many a year.

The all-London clash between Q.P.R. and Spurs could be settled in Rangers' favour by a pitch with a tendency to become very heavy in mid-Winter. It has the makings of an old-fashioned, no frills tie that will keep the customers roaring from first whistle to last.

An encouraging aspect of the Second Round was the increase in the attendance figure over last season. It never ceases to amaze me how the magic of the Cup lures back the stay-aways. I just hope it continues

to do so.

In fact, my big wish for 1981 is for an improvement in crowd figures; something that can only be brought about by removing the most significant deterrent, the scourge of soccer: hooligans.

We players despise them for the enormous damage they are doing to the game we love, which also happens to provide our livelihood. We wish they would stay away, spend their money elsewhere, and allow families to return to enjoy a match in freedom.

I'd also like less soccer screened on TV. Apart from the matches shown in the two main programmes at the weekend, and the one invariably featured mid-week, too many "clips" of goals being scored are included at other times.

As I've pointed out before, some fans can obtain their "ration" of football through watching TV, something which particularly harms the smaller clubs.

But for this week, at least, the Cup minnows will be pulling in the crowds to watch their attempts at a giantkilling.

As long as teams such as Altrincham and Enfield are around to cause trouble for the big boys in the Third Round, the F.A. Cup will continue to catch the imagination of even the most irregular of soccer supporters.

So do yourself a favour this Saturday — get along to your local club and cheer them on to the Fourth Round.

Ray Clemence

Peter Taylor aims to go back to Tottenham~

WITH ORIENT

PETER Taylor wanted to make it perfectly clear from the outset. By making the decision at the beginning of November to leave Tottenham Hotspur and move the few miles across London to Orient, he didn't believe his career was taking a backward step at all.

"Okay, the clubs themselves are in different Divisions. But you've got to remember, this season I wasn't a regular first team player at White Hart Lane.

"Whether I liked it or not, I was only a reserve, playing mostly in the Football Combination.

'Terrific'

"Obviously, it was a wrench to leave Spurs, having been with them for just over four years. They're a terrific club, and I'd been extremely happy there.

"The pelvic operation I had robbed me of virtually the whole of last season. But I did play a couple of games at the very end, and although I wasn't fully fit, I was pleased that I was playing again.

"I'd been a first team regular before my injury, but I was well aware that I'd have to earn my place again. I never expected to walk straight back into the side. And even when the club snapped up big-money buys, Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks, increasing competition for first team places, I was still prepared to fight as hard as the rest for my

place on the team sheet.

"But sadly, it soon became apparent to me that the manager, Keith Burkinshaw, didn't consider me worthy of a regular first team place. When I did get into the side, it was only because of injury to someone else. And when they were fit again, I was out.

"But a footballer's career is short

enough as it is, and the prospect of going through another season, and ending up with only a handful of first team outings wasn't going to be any good to me at all. So a move was the obvious solution.

"The O's were the only ones to make a concrete offer. Coming here was ideal. It meant my wife and I didn't have to worry about

moving house, which can cause problems."

Peter is convinced that the pelvic injury, which had plagued him for some while before he decided to have the operation, has now completely cleared up, and that he's back to full fitness once again.

"I wouldn't have come here if I wasn't sure that I'm 100 per cent again," he declared. "That wouldn't have been fair on Orient, or myself. No, I'm fit, and raring to go, and really looking forward to helping the club in their promotion bid.

"That's another of the things that appealed to me about coming here . . . the fact that the club was going after something positive this season.

"Having won promotion from the Second Division once before, while I was with Spurs, I believe I have a good insight into just what's needed to occupy one of those top three places, when May comes round. And I really feel we've got the right blend here now to be in there with a shout.

"The lads know that there's a lot of hard work ahead of us yet, though. But things have picked up nicely after a slow start to the season, and if we can string a few good results together, and get just that little bit closer to the leaders, who knows, I could find myself back at White Hart Lane next season — but this time in an Orient shirt."



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JUST a few years ago the total collapse of unfashionable, struggling Hartlepool seemed imminent, but now a spirit of optimism prevails at the Victoria Ground.

The Fourth Division outfit has been up among the leaders, pushing for promotion, and this tremendous improvement in the club's prospects owes much to the drive of manager Billy Horner and the leadership of Hartlepool's skipper, John Bird.

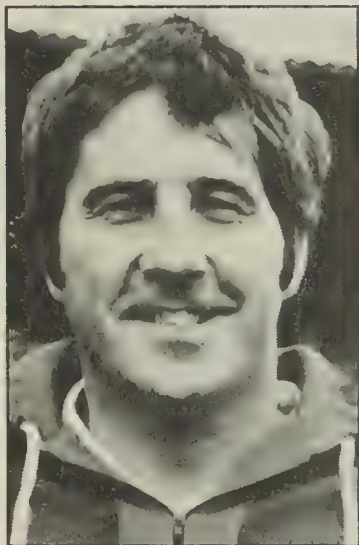
For Horner, who will have the best management deal in the North-East when he signs a lucrative seven-year contract, the

to the Victoria Ground in the first place.

He says: "When I was offered the job of boss at Hartlepool three and a half years ago I told them I didn't want it. As they had had 12 managers since the War there didn't seem much point in me taking over only to be sacked within six months.

"Previously, I had put in a disastrous few months as manager at Darlington, where it seemed as though I was expected to perform overnight miracles — and for all I knew they could have been looking for instant, dramatic improvements at Hartlepool.

HORNER'S PUT HARTLEPOOL BACK ON THE MAP



Along with his youth policy, Horner has also secured experienced players for Hartlepool, one of them John Bird, whose transfer from Newcastle United to the Victoria Ground last Spring was a bombshell to North-East fans.

Bird, who had linked up well with Stuart Boam in the middle of the Newcastle back-four before injury, opted for the Fourth Division after turning down more lucrative offers from other clubs.

And Bird says: "Minnesota Kicks were one team who made it difficult for me to refuse them — the money they were prepared to pay me was fantastic. Hull City, too, almost persuaded me that I should sign for them, but eventually Billy Horner convinced me that Hartlepool were the best long-term bet.

'Prospect'

"Now 32, I have a contract which carries me through the next four years, with the prospect of going up into Division Three this season.

"Also, I run an art gallery in the North-East and my own paintings are selling well, so I'm hoping for security through my business when I hang up my boots.

"And my experience this season with Hartlepool has confirmed my belief my move was the right one. I know I've moved down a couple of Divisions, but we have a great chance to put this town on the football map, and having Bobby Kerr with me in the same team is a great morale-booster."

Certainly, in the eyes of Hartlepool chairman, Vince Barker, the revival at the Victoria Ground is an established fact.

He says: "Out of the list of applicants for the manager's job, I chose Billy Horner. My choice has proved right. We have the players, a fine captain in John Bird, and when you consider we were once only three weeks away from bankruptcy, our position today is all the more encouraging."

change in Hartlepool's fortunes is uplifting.

Yet when his name crops up in connection with Manager of the Month awards as a reward for his contribution to his team's climb up the League table, he confesses he would rather pass up the opportunity to collect the honour.

"The last time I was awarded that gallon of whisky was last February," explains Horner. "Hartlepool were then on a run that had lifted us to eighth in the table, and promotion was beginning to look an outside possibility.

"But suddenly, almost from the day I received the Manager of the Month award, nothing went right for us.

"Results dropped off and we finished the season sixth from bottom. Call it superstition if you like, but that's why I wouldn't mind at all if the award never came my way again."

Superstitious or not, Horner has a down to earth approach in his management of Hartlepool that has paid dividends — even if he wasn't sold on the idea of moving

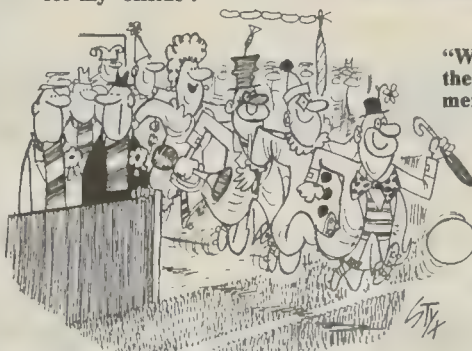
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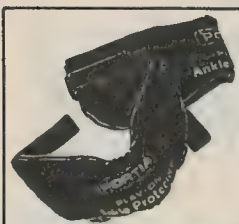
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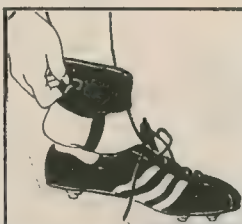
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"I won't be rushing into anything. I'll see what each player can do before I make any hard and fast decisions.

"My main aim at the moment is to get Thistle high enough up the Premier Division table to qualify for a place in Europe."

Does he think his relative youth will act against him? "Youngest boss in the Premier Division?" he says thoughtfully. "It's nice to set some sort of record. But it doesn't bother me.

"I've been impressed by chair-

Thistle happy with third choice Cormack

A WHIRLWIND 24 hours whisked Peter Cormack from his player-coach post with Hibs in the First Division to manager of Partick Thistle in the Premier Division recently.

Cormack, 34, the former Hibs, Nottingham Forest, Liverpool and Bristol City midfielder, catapulted into the Firhill hot seat to succeed Bertie Auld, who, ironically, left the position in the first place to manage Hibs!

"I was ambitious as a player and that ambition remains now I am a manager," says the cultured Cormack, who was once tipped to become boss at Easter Road in place of Eddie Turnbull, but somehow that didn't materialise.

"As a player I would say I was a success. I won League, Cup and European medals with Liverpool

man Miller Reid and I hope to repay him for the confidence he has shown in me by giving me the job in the first place."

Reid is happy with the arrival of Cormack and says: "We wanted someone with drive and ambition and Peter Cormack certainly fills that bill. He's the ideal man for the job and I'm confident he will be a success."

It was a case of third time lucky for Thistle. They originally offered the job to Morton boss Benny Rooney and were disappointed when he changed his mind at the last minute.

Searching

Their next choice was Celtic's John Clark, the Parkhead side's number two to Billy McNeill. Clark looked set to take the job, but again there was an 11th hour change of mind that left Thistle still searching for a team boss.

Now, though, Reid couldn't be more delighted with their new manager. He says: "People may say Peter is a bit young to take over such an important role, but everyone has to start somewhere and he certainly knows the score."

So yet another transfer saga in Scotland comes to an end with Cormack joining the ranks of the men who continually walk soccer's tightrope.

The last word must go to Bill Shankly, the former Liverpool boss who signed Cormack for the Anfield club.

"I'm convinced Peter Cormack will be a great team manager," he says. "I always knew he would go into the management side of things and I predict a great future for him..."

Peter Cormack in his playing days for Hibs.



Rooney's decision cheered Morton



THE Morton players could not hide their disappointment and dismay. The morning newspapers had more or less declared that Cappielow manager Benny Rooney was on his way to fill Bertie Auld's shoes at Partick Thistle.

Rooney, the man who had helped Morton into the Premier Division with his enthusiastic, ambitious approach to management, was on the verge of moving on and the players could not disguise their feelings.

At virtually the last minute, Rooney changed his mind and decided to stay with Morton saying: "I was greatly touched by the feelings at Cappielow.

"I was made a good offer by Thistle, but when I took stock I knew I had to stay with Morton.

'Upwards'

"A move to Partick Thistle wouldn't necessarily have been a move upwards. I would have looked upon it as a move sideways and I decided my future lay with Morton.

"Since I made that decision the players have played out of their skins for me. I appreciate that.

"I am certain we can do things together. We've started something, so let's see it through."

On the Saturday afternoon that Rooney decided to stay with the club, Morton beat Airdrie handsomely and, again showing their gratitude, the players followed this up by giving Rangers their first League defeat of the season.

"You could see things coming together that afternoon," says Rooney. "We won 1-0 and we

thoroughly deserved those points, too. It was no fluke.

"When you see them playing like that you know they can actually win something. It's all a matter of confidence, for the ability is certainly there."

Morton are struggling desperately to rid themselves of the tag of being "just another provincial team".

"Okay, we might not have the resources of, say, Celtic, Rangers and Aberdeen, but the potential is here," says longest-serving player Davie Hayes.

"Everyone at the club is desperate to win something for the manager and the fans as well as ourselves.

"I'll admit I was saddened to hear that Mr Rooney might be leaving us. We haven't always seen eye to eye, but I respect the man completely. Everything he does is geared to making Morton a better team and he works night and day at his job.

"When he told us he was staying you could have heard the sigh of relief for miles around. There was no way we could let him down after that. We all owe him a huge vote of thanks."

Morton and Rooney are a solid partnership. SHOOT believes the manager has signed a new, improved three-year contract and that means the immediate future for the Cappielow fans should be an exciting one.

Keep your eye on Morton. They could be the shock side of '81...

Morton (hoops) in action against Hearts this season.





'DURBAN'S WITH



Andy Gray
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ALAN Durban has never won the Manager of the Year award. When the Manager of the Month is announced, invariably he is overlooked. And when any big club jobs become vacant his name isn't mentioned in the Press as a possible candidate.

Yet I rate the former Wales star one of the best young managers in the game and I have nothing but the fullest admiration for the way he has kept our F.A. Cup opponents in a safe First Division place.

Stoke have been tagged the "Team of Nobodies" and it's fair to say they don't have any soccer household names in their line-up. This is why I feel Durban has done such a good job over the past two years.

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should look closely at the achievements of Durban at Stoke.

Last August Stoke were readily being tipped as relegation candidates, yet with over half the season gone they were in a comfortable mid-table position, having picked up some notable results.

I was hoping for a home draw this Saturday and Stoke away isn't easy, by any means. Having said that we've beaten them three times out of three since I joined Wolves 18 months ago, the most recent being 1-0 at Molineux a few weeks ago.

Impressed

I missed seeing that game because of flu. The lads told me they were impressed by Stoke, who were unlucky not to get a point.

Saturday's tie isn't a glamour one for either club. It'll be a battle, although we seem to have recovered from our poor spell and are more settled down.

It's been a disappointing season for Wolves, and a decent Cup run is essential.

We've had a lot of team-changes enforced on us, although this excuse is more readily acceptable to



"I rate Alan Durban as one of the most capable young managers currently to be found in the Football League."

the players than the supporters.

To win a Cup you need to play well in half a dozen games; in fact you can even get away with not playing particularly well if Lady Luck is on your side.

I had a feeling very early on last season that Wolves would win the League Cup. I sensed our name was on it. We had every break going and someone, somewhere wanted us to win it.

We were 1-0 down at Crystal Palace when the worst mistake Kenny Sansom has probably ever made enabled us to equalise. Against Q.P.R. we equalised in the 92nd minute. At Grimsby they hit the underside of our crossbar with five minutes to go and in the third match we needed a penalty and an own-goal to win.

Even my winning goal in the Final against Forest was a gift. So I'd say the qualities needed to be a Cup winner are luck, 'help' with the draw, fighting spirit and the ability to play well on the day.

It's strange that the F.A. Cup is often won by a team not challenging for the title. I don't know why this is. The Cup has always been the glamour competition; it could be that when March and April come around and you're in sight of the Championship all your efforts are directed towards that.

Our away record this season has been awful, but that'll count for

nothing at the Victoria Ground. Players look upon Cup-ties as one-off affairs, and any disappointments in the League will be forgotten.

The crowd at Stoke will be around 5,000 more than it would be for a League match and everyone knows it's a special occasion.

From a personal point of view, I'm glad to be back in action after damaging knee ligaments in training.

I must give full credit to Norman Bell, though, who has stepped in and done a magnificent job for the club. Norman has been the victim of a leg-break twice. He played in the States this summer to get fit and was given his chance when Wayne Clarke didn't do the job asked of him.

Top marks to Norman who, under pressure, has produced the goods at a time when we needed goals most.

And so to the Cup. Who will be the giantkillers? Who will provide the shock? Can another Second Division team win it? In the Cup anything can happen and I certainly wouldn't say a Second Division team WON'T win it!

Join me again in a fortnight.

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"Stoke City (stripes) have recorded some notable results, including this 2-2 draw with Ipswich."



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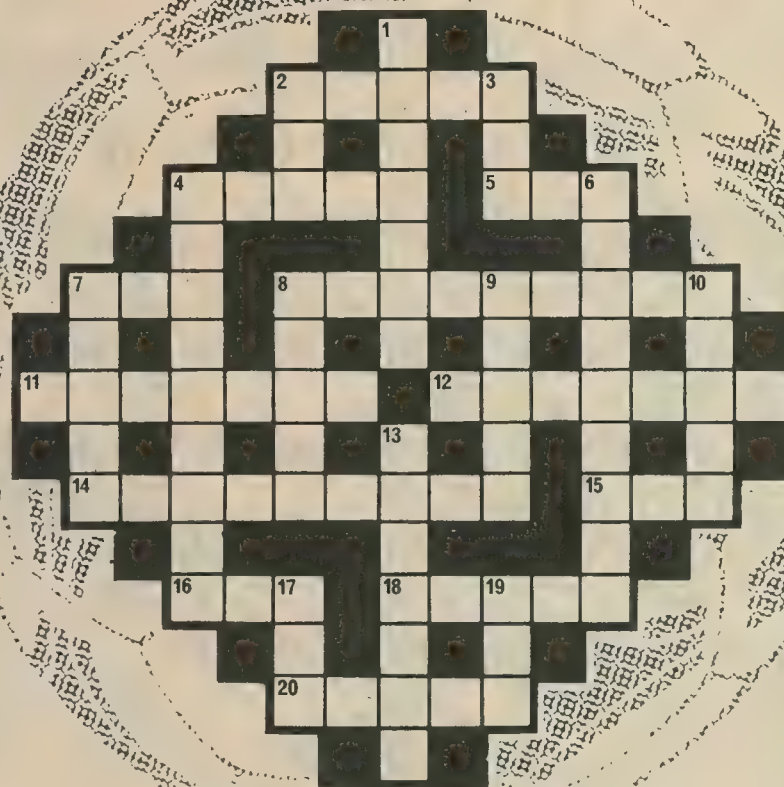
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MANCHESTER UNITED - TOP OF THE F.A. CUP LEAGUE

A look at the Top 40 teams in a post-War F.A. Cup merit table

MANCHESTER United, F.A. Cup winners in 1948, 1963 and 1977, are the most successful team in the competition since the War. That is the conclusion drawn from a table which records F.A. Cup performances from 1945 to date.

During that period, United have won 85 F.A. Cup-ties, which puts them well ahead of Liverpool, with Arsenal just pipped by the Merseysiders for third place in the merit table.

Chelsea, winners in 1970, are the best ranked non-First Division club, while Leicester, with 56 wins and four Cup Finals, are the highest placed team not to have won the trophy, followed by Birmingham, who only have one Wembley appearance (runners-up in 1956) to show for reaching the last four on seven occasions.

Successful

Sheffield United and Stoke, with 41 and 40 Cup wins respectively, are the most successful sides not to have reached a post-War Final.

Stoke were beaten Semi-Finalists in consecutive years of 1971 and 1972, both times losing to Arsenal after a replay but gaining consolation by winning the League Cup in the latter year. It took three matches for Leicester to dispose of United in The Blades only Semi-Final appearance in 1961.

Crystal Palace and Brighton are the only clubs at present in the First Division who are not ranked in the top 40, but several current Third Division sides are included, the most impressive being Burnley, with 53 wins, and Sheffield United, with 41.

F.A. Cup performances 1945-1980

	APPEARANCES IN:				NUMBER OF:			
	4th rnd	5th rnd	6th rnd	Semi- Final	Final	Cup Wins	Cup Ties Won	
Man. United	26	19	17	13	7	3	85	
Liverpool	28	20	13	9	5	2	77	
Arsenal	26	20	12	8	7	3	76	
Tottenham Hotspur	24	20	12	6	3	3	68	
Everton	27	19	10	8	2	1	67	
Chelsea	28	19	9	6	2	1	65	
W.B.A.	26	16	7	5	2	2	58	
Leicester City	21	16	10	5	4	0	56	
Wolves	24	13	10	5	2	2	56	
Birmingham	21	15	11	7	1	0	55	
Burnley	24	14	9	4	2	0	53	
Leeds United	18	13	9	7	4	1	52	
Newcastle United	22	9	8	5	4	3	51	
Aston Villa	20	13	8	3	1	1	46	
Man. City	22	11	5	3	3	2	46	
Bolton Wanderers	23	10	5	3	2	1	44	
West Ham United	20	9	5	3	3	3	43	
Derby County	17	13	7	3	1	1	42	
Nottingham Forest	20	11	6	2	1	1	41	
Preston North End	20	10	7	2	2	0	41	
Sheffield United	22	11	7	1	0	0	41	
Sunderland	19	10	7	3	1	1	41	
Stoke City	23	12	3	2	0	0	40	
Blackburn Rovers	17	12	5	3	1	0	38	
Sheffield Wednesday	17	11	5	3	1	0	37	
Ipswich Town	18	9	4	2	1	1	35	
Middlesbrough	20	10	5	0	0	0	35	
Southampton	19	8	4	2	1	1	35	
Blackpool	14	7	5	3	3	1	33	
Fulham	17	5	5	3	1	0	31	
Luton Town	15	11	3	1	1	0	31	
Charlton Athletic	16	7	2	2	2	1	30	
Portsmouth	18	8	2	1	0	0	29	
Orient	16	6	3	1	0	0	26	
Huddersfield T	15	6	2	0	0	0	23	
Norwich City	11	9	2	1	0	0	23	
Hull City	12	7	3	0	0	0	22	
Swansea City	14	6	1	1	0	0	22	
Bristol Rovers	13	5	2	0	0	0	20	
Coventry City	14	4	2	0	0	0	20	

NOTE: Only results from the Third Rounds onwards are included in the number of Cup-ties won.

Two other First Division teams who cannot be too proud of their F.A. Cup records are Coventry and Middlesbrough, neither of whom has progressed beyond the Sixth Round, while Norwich have only once been past that stage — as Third Division Semi-Finalists in 1959.

Arsenal, Spurs, Manchester United, Newcastle and West Ham are this season chasing a fourth post-War F.A. Cup triumph and Liverpool, Manchester City, Wolves and W.B.A. each have two wins.

Arsenal and Manchester United, with seven apiece, are way ahead in post-War F.A. Cup Final appearances.

Next come Liverpool on five and they, and fellow-giants of the recent past, Leeds, have lost three post-War Finals.

Poor Leicester have gone one worse than that, having conceded four Finals in the two decades from 1949.

Two London sides have tended to be 'all-or-nothing' challengers. Charlton played in the two Finals immediately after the War but have failed to advance beyond the Fifth Round since then and West Ham, apart from their 100 per cent success rate in their three Finals in 16 years, have only twice got as far as the Sixth Round in the other 32 seasons.

Blackpool and Preston are the other teams to have fought through to more than one Final since 1946 but have not otherwise been Semi-Finalists.

Bristol City and Swindon, also with 20 wins, just miss being included in the top 40 by reason of gaining them in earlier rounds than Bristol Rovers and Coventry.

Line-ups . . .
results . . .
scorers.

A circular inset photograph of a soccer player in a green and white striped jersey running on a field, with a large crowd in the background. The player is captured in a dynamic pose, leaning forward with his arms outstretched. The background is a blurred, dense crowd of spectators in a stadium. The entire image is framed by a thick black border.

Celtic's George McCluskey celebrates.



Southampton's Nicky Adams chased by City's Kevin Reeves



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Malcolm Robertson of Hearts

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Semi-Finals April 11th
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**1980 Wembley
winner Trevor
Brooking.**



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1911)



Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish and Alan Curbishley of Birmingham.



Airdrie and Morton in dramatic action

WILL 1981 be Tottenham's year for F.A. Cup honours? According to tradition it could be.

Years ending in "one" have often proved lucky for the White Hart Lane club. They won the F.A. Cup for the first time in 1901 as a Southern League side — the last non-League club, in fact, to achieve the feat. They next took the coveted prize in 1921.

The 20-year interval however, was interrupted in 1941 by War but, true to chronological form, F.A. Cup glory was back in 1961, the great "double" year.

They took the trophy again the following year and in 1967 but not since... which is why those who believe in coincidences are looking to 1981 for another run in the greatest of all domestic Cup competitions.

When Spurs first won the Cup at the beginning of the century they beat Sheffield United 3-1 in a replay at Bolton, after a 2-2 draw at the old Crystal Palace.

Sandy Brown, a centre-forward with a dashing style, scored both goals at Palace in front of a record-breaking crowd of 110,820 — the first six figure attendance at a Cup Final. At Bolton the attendance was a meagre 20,470 — but there was a justifiable excuse: the railway station was undergoing repairs!



Spurs parade the F.A. Cup (above) after their 1967 victory against Chelsea. Osvaldo Ardiles (left) is one of the present-day stars hoping to take the club to Wembley next May.

1901 . . . 1921 . . . 1961.

Now 1981 could mean

MORE CUP GLORY FOR SPURS

Inside-right John Cameron, right-winger Smith and Brown got the goals in that replay, after United had led 1-0 at half-time.

That season Brown scored 15 of his club's 20 Cup goals, including four in the Semi-Final against West Bromwich, but for versatility of roles he could not match Cameron.

He was the club's secretary and manager in addition to being a creative attacker. Jack Kirwan, too, was one of the finest wingers of the day, winning 17 caps for Ireland.

For the record the 1901 team was:

Clawley; Erentz; Tait; Norris, Hughes; Jones; Smith, Cameron, Brown, Copeland, Kirwan.

Spurs' 1921 F.A. Cup triumph over Wolves by a goal to nothing was watched by 72,805 at Stamford Bridge and was a very special day for left-winger Jimmy Dimmock.

He scored the all-important goal in the 55th minute, following a long cross pass by Jimmy Seed, later to win fresh honours as the

manager who took Charlton from the Third to the First Division in successive years (1935 and 1936).

Old prints still record the jubilant scenes in Tottenham as the team, squeezed into an open car, drove through the streets — the first London club to win the trophy since the Spurs success of 20 years earlier.

The 1921 heroes who had literally ploughed their way through a pitch which had been turned into a quagmire by a cloudburst were:

Hunter; Clay, McDonald; Smith, Walters, Grimsdell; Banks, Seed, Cantrell, Bliss, Dimmock.

That side was also full of characters, not least the mighty Arthur Grimsdell, who captained Tottenham to promotion to Division One the previous year, and the brilliant left-wing pair of Bert Bliss and Dimmock.

So we come to the side of the 60's, the first this century to achieve the double of Championship and F.A. Cup in the same season. In that momentous



year of 1961, Spurs beat Leicester City 2-0. Bobby Smith, a centre-forward cast in the old, bustling mould, and outside-left Terry Dyson got the goals.

That legendary team was led by Danny Blanchflower and among a glittering array of talent, who will forget Dave Mackay, the player they dubbed the "Iron Man" and the elegant, constructive John White, tragically killed by lightning on a golf course in July, 1964?

These names will certainly revive many memories . . .

Brown; Baker, Henry; Blanchflower, Norman, Mackay; Jones, White, Smith, Allen, Dyson.

With only two changes — Jimmy Greaves for Les Allen and Terry Medwin for Terry Dyson, Spurs broke the "year sequence" with a 3-1 victory over Burnley in the 1962 F.A. Cup Final. It was a tough affair, never a classic, with the irrepressible Greaves giving the side an early lead. Burnley equalised and the goal served only to inspire Spurs. Smith scored number two and Blanchflower rounded off the scoring from the

penalty spot.

They had netted 24 goals in their Cup run — three more than the victorious side of the previous year.

The latest of Spurs' triumphs in the F.A. Cup, in 1967, was a personal success story for Mackay. He returned to the team which beat Chelsea 2-1 at Wembley after breaking a leg for the second time. Spurs dominated the match and strikers Jimmy Robertson and Frank Saul scored the goals.

Remember the names? They were:

Jennings; Kinnear, Knowles; Mullery, England, Mackay; Robertson, Greaves, Gilzean, Venables, Saul. Sub. Jones.

Engages

Of course, Tottenham have been to Wembley twice since — in the League Cup Finals of 1971 and 1973, and won each time, against Aston Villa 2-0 and against Norwich 1-0, but it is glory in the oldest of all British Cup competitions that now engages the attentions of Steve Perryman and his team.

They are probably more capable of raising themselves for the 'instant' type of football which wins Cup-ties than sustaining success over a long Championship campaign.

And don't forget that little Argentinian genius Osvaldo Ardiles, has one overriding ambition. "I desperately want to play for Spurs in a Cup Final at Wembley." He could well do so in 1981 if tradition plays its part.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Trevor Laing, of Strathclyde, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

CELTIC THE BEST

★ Having read "A Pompey Fan's" claim that Portsmouth have the "best fans in the land," I take it that he has not been to a Celtic match, home or away.

This season, for example, Celtic took about 11,000 supporters to Aberdeen, 12,000 to St. Mirren, around 8,000 to Dundee in midweek, not to mention huge followings to Airdrie, Hearts and Morton.

And what about that support (around 7,000) to Arsenal for a testimonial match in aid of Sammy Nelson?

They were praised by Sammy Nelson, Terry Neill, Arsenal fans and the police alike. Even after the 3-0 defeat by Dundee United in the Semi-Final of the Bell's League Cup at Parkhead, thousands stayed behind after the match singing and praising the team.

I think that sort of support beats Portsmouth's, and many other teams in Britain.

To quote Arsenal manager Terry Neill "they must be the greatest supporters in Britain."

● Celtic do have tremendous support, but Pompey are only a Third Division side.

Time running out

I WISH to comment on the way Keith Burkinshaw is handling Spurs.

I have been following the team since the great days under Bill Nicholson, and it is obvious that Keith Burkinshaw is taking too long to develop the team.

It took him nearly two years to get class midfielders in Ardiles and Villa.

It then took another two years to get Crooks and Archibald in attack.

Now don't tell me that we have to wait for another two years before he gets a class centre-half and a couple of full-backs with pace.

I don't think I'll ever forgive him for selling Pat Jennings to Arsenal. You may think I'm being a bit hard on Keith, but, like other Spurs fans, my patience is running out.

KIM LIEW,
NEWCASTLE-UPN-TYNE.

● Spurs are improving, and who says Chris Hughton's slow.

Going down at Anfield

MANY people are surprised that Crystal Palace are struggling against relegation this season, but if they do go down they will become another side who have been relegated after being the first visitors to Anfield in that particular season.

In 1979-80 Bolton were the first visitors and were relegated, so were Q.P.R. in 1978-79. The season before that it was Newcastle who were the unlucky victims of the Anfield jinx.

So as you can see, Liverpool not only have a say in who wins the Championship, but also in who are relegated.

NICHOLAS BRISKI
KEW GARDENS.

● Any volunteers to be first at Anfield next season?



Harder for forwards

"IT IS much harder for a forward to score these days. There are not so many of them up front now, and defence seems to start in midfield. When I started playing, I could expect three or four goalscoring chances, these days I'm lucky if I score one."

This may sound like a modern day striker lamenting the lack of goals and goalscoring chances, but it isn't the case.

This was a comment by Jimmy Greaves in an issue of SHOOT dated June 5th, 1971.

If the great Jimmy Greaves found it difficult to score in 1971, then I feel sorry for strikers in the game today.

JULIAN CLARKE,
TRANSVAAL.

● Surprisingly enough, goals actually seem to be more in evidence this season.

Managers have feelings, too

AS WE all know, the game is going through a bad patch at the moment. The drop in attendances and the massive rise in transfer fees is hitting clubs in the pocket.

However, one of the things I find sad and wrong with the game is the lack of respect club chairmen are showing for their managers.

Bobby Campbell of Fulham was sacked, only two days after his chairman Ernie Clay stated that his job was safe.

And now Ernie Walley at Crystal Palace, who was told by his board that his position was secure until the end of the season, has in effect been replaced by Malcolm Allison.

Surely chairmen should have more regard for their managers.

This has been proved by Ipswich, who have kept their manager even when things were going badly at the beginning of last season. Now they are going great guns near the top of the First Division. Surely this proves that a little patience can pay dividends.

TIM WALTERS
MAISEMORE.

● A vote of confidence for today's managers is like the kiss of death.

Pen-Pals

I AM a 15-year-old American boy who would like to exchange soccer souvenirs. I support San Jose Earthquakes, George Best's club, and I can get autographs, shirts, magazines, pen-nants, posters, etc., to swap.

CHRIS RASMUSSEN,
5236 RAFTON DR, SAN JOSE,
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I AM a 14-year-old Australian boy who would like to correspond with an English boy. My favourite club is Manchester United.

ROBIN GOREY,
61 HARVEY ST,
MOSMAN PARK, PERTH,
AUSTRALIA 6012.

Honest Fashanu

NORWICH manager Ken Brown was out of order with his statement about Justin Fashanu. "I can't understand why he didn't sign a new contract. He could still have gone if the price was right. Still, he's saved us a lot of money," said The Canaries boss.

Didn't it occur to him that Justin may have a quality that seems sadly lacking in football: honesty? Could it be that the player didn't want to deceive the club by signing a new contract?

TONY TAPAR,
LONDON.

● I can appreciate Brown wanting Fashanu (left) on a long contract... and I can also appreciate Fashanu's decision in not wanting to take advantage of the club.

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Oldest

Which is the oldest of England's 92 League clubs?

PEDRO BOUSO,
SPAIN

● Notts County lead the way there, Pedro.

The club was formed in 1862 — that's nine years before our Football Association was founded, and 26 years before the Football League started.

Nottingham, in fact, was well in at the beginnings of organised English football — for Brian Clough's club, Forest, was formed only three years later in 1865.

Charles in Italy

I know about the great John Charles' record in the Football League and for Wales, but did he gain any honours while with Juventus?

FRANK DAVIES,
DERBY

● He didn't do too badly in his five seasons out there, Frank — picking up Italian League Championship medals in 1957-58, 1959-60 and 1960-61, and Italian Cup-winners medals in 1958-59 and 1959-60.

All told, Charles played 155 League games for Juventus, scoring 93 goals.

In that period, too, he gained 14 of his 38 Welsh caps.

Pompey honours

I've just come from abroad to live in Portsmouth, and would like to know what big honours they've won in the past?

GARY BOWEN,
PORTSMOUTH

● They've been doing pretty well in the last couple of years, Gary, but Portsmouth have still some way to go to get back to their real glory days.

Although they won the F.A. Cup in the last season before the War, their best ever era was just after it — when they were League Champions two years running in 1948-49 and 1949-50, and one of the most feared opponents in the land.

SHORT PASSES

● Gordon McQueen joined Manchester United from Leeds on 14th February, 1978; previously he played for St Mirren.

(DINESH PATEL, Zambia)

● Since the F.A. Cup started in the 1871-72 season, it has been won by 40 different clubs — some of which no longer exist.

(MARK BLAMPIED, Jersey)

● Trevor Brooking made his full England debut in the 0-0 draw with Portugal in Lisbon on 3rd April, 1974.

(JOHN HUGHES, London, S.W.20)

Short Passes are replies to readers' queries.

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Saturday, November 22
(continued)

Scottish First

BERWICK (1) 1 (McLeod)
EAST STIRLING (0) 2 (Rennie, Grant) 750

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Miller)
HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Brown (J)) 1,300

DUNDEE (1) 5 (Stephen 2, Sinclair, Mackie 2)
STIRLING (0) 1 (McPhee) 4,805

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 (Donnelly, Salton)
AYR (0) 3 (Fry 2, Love) 860

FALKIRK (0) 0
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 3 (Morton, Docherty 2) 780

MOTHERWELL (2) 4 (Forbes, Cleland, McClelland, Soutar)
DUMBARTON (2) 2 (Jackson, Smith (o.g.)) 2,223

RAITH (0) 1 (Harris)
HAMILTON (0) 0 2,200

Scottish Second

ALBION (2) 3 (Houston, Higgins, McPherson)
ALLOA (0) 1 (Morrison) 1,000

BRECHIN (1) 5 (Lorimer, Scrimgeour (o.g.), Campbell 2, Graham)
ARBROATH (1) 1 (Harley) 800

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (McCallen)
COWDENBEATH (1) 4 (Hunter 2, Steele 2) 300

QoS (1) 1 (Mulgrew)
EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Johnstone) 1,000

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (McSkimming)
STRANRAER (0) 0 750

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Murray)
MONTROSE (1) 2 (Robb 2) 1,080

Tuesday, November 25

First Division

WBA 0
STOKE 0 15,922

WBA: Godden, Batson, Cowdrill, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Owen, Barnes.

Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Randall (Bracewell), Heath, Chapman, Richardson, Munro.

WOLVES (1) 4 (Eves, Richards, Bell, Hughes)
LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Neal) 25,497

Wolves: Bradshaw, Humphrey, Hollifield, Daniel, Brazier, Hughes, Hibbitt, Atkinson, Bell, Richards, Eves.

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Cohen, Irwin, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Daiglish, Lee (Case), Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

F.A. Cup

(First Round replays)

BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Crown, Funnell)
ADDLESTONE (0) 0 7,680

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Salmons, Tartt)
WIGAN (0) 0 8,372

HUDDERSFIELD (4) 6 (Stanton 2, Robins 2, Hanvey, Laverick)
NORTHWICH VICTORIA (0) 0 9,849

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Chatterton)
KIDDERMINSTER (0) 0 4,197

MINEHEAD (0) 1 (Bruce)
BARNET (0) 2 (Roberts 2) 770

SHEFF. UTD. (0) 3 (Sherlock (o.g.), Charles, Kenworthy)
STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Coyle, Sunley) AET 10,428

YORK (1) 1 (Clements)
TRANMERE (0) 2 (Craven, Beamish) A.E.T. 3,036



Second Division

BOLTON (1) 3 (Whatmore 2, Kidd)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0 7,544

Bolton: Poole, Graham, McElhinney, Wilson, Jones, Walsh, Reid, Whatmore, Hoggan, Kidd, Gowing.

Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks (Harkouk).

European Super Cup

(first-leg)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 2 (Bowyer 2)
VALENCIA (0) 1 (Fellman) 12,463

Wed, November 26

U.E.F.A. CUP

(Third Round, first-leg)

IPSWICH (3) 5 (Wark 3, Brazil, Mariner)
WIDZEW LODZ (0) 0 20,445

Ipswich: Cooper, Mills (Beattie), McAlle, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil (O'Callaghan), Gates.

Widzew: Mlynarczyk, Plich, Grabosz, Mozejko, Zmuda, Tokinski, Pieta (Romke), Jazewski, Boniek, Rozborski, Smolarek.

Second Division

DERBY (1) 2 (Biley, Clark)
WEST HAM (0) 0 18,446

Derby: Jones, Powell (S), Richards, Clark, McFarland, Ramage, Powell (B), Swindlehurst, Biley, Wilson, Emsen.

West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

F.A. Cup

(First Round replay)

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Bolton's Neil Whatmore (left).

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5 The ball is kicked high into the penalty-area and a defender pushes an opponent in the back, although there was no chance of a goal, should you (a) award a penalty, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) take no action?



ANSWERS

1. No. 2. No. 3. Take no action (c). 4. Drop the ball (c). 5. Award a penalty (a). In a recent match between Watford and Nottingham Forest in the League Cup a Watford striker was near the ball when Forest defender Kenny Burns, for no apparent reason, pushed the attacker. Only Kenny, the attacker and I were aware of it. Kenny accepted the decision.



CLOSE OF THE

ONE of the first lessons the budding journalist is taught stems from the pen of Charles Dana who, writing in the *New York Sun* 98 years ago said: "When a dog bites a man that is not news, but when a man bites a dog that is news."

So what about when a goalkeeper bites a chunk out of one of his opponent's legs!!?

This newsworthy dental incident took place the other day in Turkey, when goalkeeper Erol Cihan of Sitespor took a bite out of winger Fikri Kushdemir's limb after the latter had scored two goals for his side, Petroloflis.

Somewhat carelessly, Cihan took his hors d'oeuvre in front of the astonished eyes of the referee who, not wishing to witness the main course, gave Cihan his just

Championship without stars

ARGENTINA'S National Championship is now in its final stages, with Rosario Central, Racing Cordoba, River Plate, Argentinos Juniors, Union Santa Fe, Newell's Old Boys, Instituto Cordoba and Independiente qualifying for the Quarter-Finals from the four preliminary groups.

But the winners are anybody's guess, as clubs have now lost their top stars to Menotti's national team training camp! Argentinos Juniors will be without Diego Maradona, and River Plate will lose five of their first team!

JORGE DIAZ, the manager of Argentine second division team Banfield, was tragically killed while celebrating his team's escape from relegation. He'd promised to run several circuits round the fountains in the Plaza Colon, but after a few laps he tripped over one of the floodlights, smashed it, and was instantly electrocuted.

FRENCH international winger Didier Six has made a quiet return to his native country after just a handful of months in Belgium with Cercle Bruges. Racing Strasbourg are hoping that their new signing will inject new life into their goal-shy attack.

Little or large?

WEST German Herbert Neumann (right), now playing in Italy for FC Udinese, was sent-off and suspended for four games after he called the referee "an Italian Pig."

Neumann claims his lack of Italian caused the misunderstanding. Instead of 'porco' (pig) he insists he meant to say 'poco', which means small.

Maradona keeps his promise

THE day before Boca and Argentinos Juniors met in a decisive National Championship match, Boca 'keeper Hugo Gatti is rumoured to have said that "Diego Maradona is a fatty."

Diego wasn't too pleased and Gatti apologised before the game.

"I hope Diego understood. I never said he was a fatty. I simply considered that he ought to look after himself physically, as his physique does not help him much. As the years go by he's in danger of his legs getting fatter. That's all. He's the best player in the country," Gatti said.

The misunderstanding appeared to have been cleared up off the pitch, but Maradona's pride was too strong. He confessed to his personal manager, Jorge Czysterspiller: "I had decided for this game to put two goals past him, but after what he said I'm going to score four. I promise you I'm going to beat him four times. In whatever way possible."

And he did just that. Here he is scoring number four.



ENCOUNTER TURK KIND?

desserts and marching orders along with a converted penalty decision for Petrolofis.

After the match, the fleet-footed winger, hobbling along, said: "I was shadowing Cihan, after switching from the left wing, I collected the ball, swivelled round with it and, simultaneously, felt this excruciating pain in my left thigh. From my prone position I could plainly see the teeth-marks encircling the missing slice of my flesh — and so could the astounded referee."

In his turn, after being photographed shaking hands with his crippled opponent, Cihan innocently commented: "Kushdemir really got under my skin (a neat reversal of roles, one might suggest) — we were two goals down

and he was all over the park, unmarked by my defence and making me look a right nana.

"Then, at the time of the incident, he received a perfect pass and was obviously about to humiliate me further with a hat-trick — so I dived at his feet and bit hard, all in one movement. Nobody had ever told me that this was a punishable offence, but now I've learned my lesson!"

A case of once-bitten twice-shy?

LAURIE Cunningham was in the news recently following his suspension by Real Madrid soon after coming out of hospital. You may be interested to know that while the England star was having a foot operation he passed the time by reading Jimmy Greaves' autobiography.



JAIL IF THEY LOST

NEVER have a team been more content with a 0-0 draw than the members of the Liberian national team after their recent friendly with Gambia in Monrovia.

According to reports, the players were going to be thrown in jail if they lost!

To make matters worse for the Liberian footballers, they heard that the President had set free 23 prisoners on the eve of the match in order to make room for the national squad.

Reports state, in what must rate as one of the understatements of all time, that the match was played 'in a tense atmosphere'.

SPANISH TV's 'highlights' of the recent Sevilla-Osasuna match amounted to a 30-second sequence showing Sevilla's 25th-minute goal.

"There was nothing else worthy of mention," said the commentator, ignoring the two penalties that Sevilla missed and the two goals they had disallowed!

At this rate the Spaniards will reduce the 1982 World Cup Finals to a one-hour programme!

News flashes

● Giancarlo Antognoni (below), inside forward star of Fiorentina and Italy is pressing in his weekly newspaper column for a re-organisation in the Italian League. His suggestion: No points for either team after a draw and three points for a win.



● To celebrate the ninth birthday of his daughter Martina, Bayern Munich's Paul Breitner hired a converted double decker bus with a specially constructed lift to take 45 spastic children to his home for a birthday party.

● Dynamo Moscow, never relegated from the Russian

First Division, have had a terrible season. Only on the last day did they save themselves from the drop with a 4-1 win at home to Pakhtakor Tashkent, whose team was decimated last season when the team's plane crashed.

● Dutch journalists have been complaining that some of their colleagues take wives, girl friends and their offspring into Press boxes all over Holland. From the New Year, Feyenoord have announced that they will start a new campaign and only holders of a Journalists Union Card will be allowed in their Press seats.

● Franz Beckenbauer's first appearance for Hamburger SV was his 397th appearance in the Bundesliga after an absence of 42 months with the Cosmos.

● Bottom of the Belgian First Division, FC Liege have signed an inside-forward from Paraguay: Praullo Castro.

● The Dutch FA have decided that their 1981-82

season will begin on August 15 with two full programmes on the following Wednesday evenings. This way they plan to give their national team four weeks together before, hopefully, they fly to Spain for the World Cup.



● The leading scorers in Europe's two premier competitions are Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (above), five goals for Bayern Munich in the European Cup and David Cross with five for West Ham in the Cup-Winners' Cup.

● The Swedish F.A. have announced that for the 1982 season, the First Division will be reduced from 14 to 12 clubs.

State of the Leagues

Argentina

I predicted some strange results in the final stages of Argentina's National Championship — and I haven't been let down!

Favourites River Plate, with half their team tucked away in Menotti's national team training camp, were thrashed 6-2 by Newell's Old Boys.

And Argentinos Juniors, badly hit by Diego Maradona's absence, bowed out meekly to Racing Cordoba.

For the record, the four Semi-Finalists are Newell's Old Boys and Rosario Central from Rosario; Racing from Cordoba; and Independiente from Buenos Aires.

Belgium

BELGIAN League leaders Anderlecht (Brussels) have five foreigners in their team and a Yugoslav manager-coach Tomislav Ivic. Beaten only once, they led the field by four points after 14 games, but Ivic is being widely criticised for his defensive tactics.

Holland

THINGS go from bad to worse in Holland. Virtually out of the 1982 World Cup, the domestic scene is also being badly hit and recently there was an all-time low of just 58,000 at the 18 First and Second Division games.

It can't be lack of goals, because they were 84 up on the corresponding period last season.

Apart from the fall from grace of the national team, which invariably reflects League interest, one reason for the non-interest may be that the Championship is virtually decided.

Europe's most successful team, AZ '67, had an incredible 29 points from their first 15 matches, four ahead of Feyenoord who had played one game more.



Italy

WITH a few weekends reserved for World Cup ties the Italian League has been slow in taking off and as you'll see, there is little to choose between the leaders.

Liam Brady (above) could still win a Championship medal in his debut season with Juventus who, after scoring just seven goals in nine games, put four past Pistoiese.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	10	5	3	2	13	10	13
Inter	10	5	2	3	17	8	12
Juventus	10	3	5	2	11	7	11
Catanzaro	10	3	5	2	9	6	11
Fiorentina	10	2	7	1	8	7	11
Cagliari	10	3	5	2	9	9	11

Spain

DESPITE having a four point lead, Atletico Madrid aren't certainties for the title by any means. They won the top-of-the-table clash against Valencia 3-1 — Mario Kempes, playing so badly one paper said Valencia only had ten men, missed a penalty at 1-1.

Barcelona are recovering from their early season disasters and West German midfielder Bernd Schuster made it four goals in five games in the 5-0 Nou Camp thrashing of Almeria.

The table below is correct: Barcelona would be third in other European countries, but Spain still use goal-aggregate not goal-difference.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
At. Madrid	15	10	4	1	27	15	24
Valencia	15	9	2	4	26	18	20
Sociedad	15	8	3	4	24	15	19
Barcelona	15	9	1	5	27	18	19
Real Madrid	15	8	2	5	27	13	18
Sevilla	15	8	2	5	16	18	18

Sweden

IFK Oster of Vaxjo won the 1980 Championship in Sweden, their third title. Their leading scorer, Teitur Thorarsson, an Icelandic international centre-forward, hit 11 goals and has apparently been watched by a string of interested English clubs, including Bristol City.

West Germany

A TWO CLUB race in the Bundesliga, with reigning Champions Bayern Munich a whisker behind Hamburger SV. The Hamburg club now have Franz Beckenbauer playing for them and playing well, by all accounts. His presence could be just the inspiration they need for them to take the title from the club The Kaiser led to so much glory.

Mind you, HSV had a setback when they were amazingly beaten 5-0 at home by St-Etienne in the UEFA Cup.

Tony Woodcock's Cologne are chasing a UEFA Cup spot, but it's asking too much of them to catch the leaders. Top scorer after 17 games was Manfred Burgsmuller (seen below) with 16 goals — Bayern's Rummenigge was second.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HSV	17	13	2	2	45	19	28
Bayern	17	12	3	2	42	21	27
Kaiserslautern	16	10	3	3	33	20	21
Stuttgart	17	8	5	4	36	24	21
Dortmund	17	8	3	6	36	28	19
Frankfurt	17	8	3	6	31	32	9
Cologne	17	6	5	6	31	29	17

● Franz Beckenbauer's appearances for Hamburger SV are still creating interest in Germany. One paper tracked him throughout a whole game to report that he touched the ball 68 times and that five out of ten of his passes were over more than 25 yards. Eighty per cent were said to be good passes.



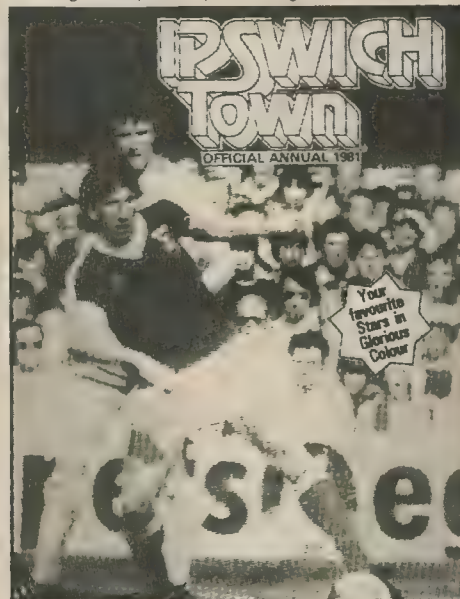
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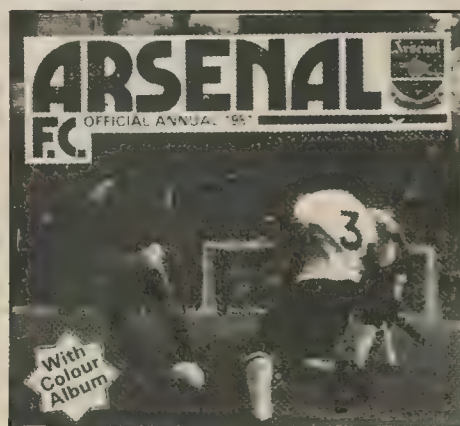
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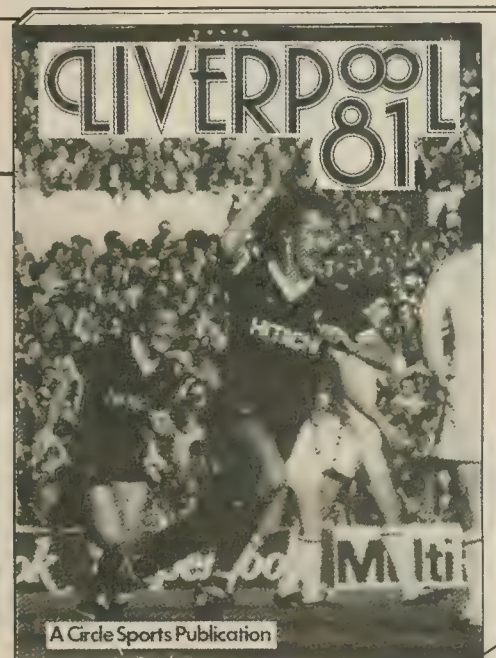
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TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 1960-61



WITH such consistent goalscoring power Tottenham Hotspur's League and Cup win of 1960-61 must rank as the greatest of the four English "doubles" which include Preston North End 1888-89, Aston Villa 1896-97 and Arsenal 1970-71. Inspired by the captaincy of right-half Danny Blanchflower, Spurs got off to a record-breaking start in 1960-61 by winning their first 11 League games. By the end of the season they had created another First Division record by winning 16 games away from home. Playing smooth, attacking football, and usually dictating the pace, they were a treat to watch. At the finish they were eight points ahead of their nearest rivals (Sheffield Wednesday) and carried off the F.A. Cup with a 2-0 win over Leicester City. Team from — Bill Brown; Peter Baker; Ron Henry; Danny Blanchflower; Maurice Norman; Dave Mackay; Cliff Jones or Terry Medwin; John White; Bobby Smith, Les Allen and Terry Dyson. League and Cup record: P49 W37 D5 L7 F136 A59 League Pts 66. Leading scorer Bobby Smith 33.

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TEÓFILO CUBILLAS

PROBABLY the best Peruvian player of all time, Teófilo Cubillas combines stunning soccer skills with deadly shooting, and his mathematically-placed, swerving free-kicks are the terror of opposing 'keepers. Born on March 8th, 1949, he burst on the world scene as star-performer in the Peru side that made such a good impression in the 1970 World Cup, with Cubillas scoring four times in four games. His toothy grin reappeared on the world's sports pages in 1978 when his two superbly struck goals sank Scotland's World Cup hopes and led Peru through to the second phase of the tournament. A superstar with Alianza Lima in Peru, Cubillas "left too homesick to play well" in Europe with FC Zurich and FC Porto, and he repeatedly 'escaped' midweek from Portugal to rejoin the Peru team that sensationally won the South American Championship in 1975.

HECTOR CHUMPIPAZ

WITH experienced veteran Julio Melendez backing him up at the heart of the Peruvian defence, Hector Chumpitaz produced year after year of consistently excellent performances in the red-and-white shirt of his country. The serious, practical 'stopper' was the master of anticipation — intercepting cleanly, timing tackles perfectly and making life look deceptively simple. Born on April 12th, 1944, he first hit the headlines as an outstanding member of Peru's 1970 World Cup team, went on to beat mighty Brazil to the South American Championship in 1975 and still had enough steam to steer Peru through to the second phase of the 1978 Cup finals. His international performances had earned him a lucrative contract with Atlas in Mexico, re-turning in 1977 to see out his career with Sporting Cristal.



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SEPP MAIER

HIS record speaks for itself. With Bayern Munich he won four West German League titles; four domestic Cups; one Cup-Winners' Cup; and three European Cups in the side that dominated the Continent in the mid-70s. Reaching his 'century' of caps for West Germany, he was a key member of the sides that won the European Championship in 1972 and the World Cup in 1974. The secrets of his success between the posts were physical fitness, razor-sharp reflexes, super-safe

handling and an air of cheerful self-confidence that not only inspired his fellow defenders but also made him a smash-hit with fans all over the world. Born on February 28th, 1944, his career was abruptly cut short by a road accident that left Maier free to concentrate on his second passion in life — tennis — and left European soccer without one of its most colourful characters. Has proved hard to replace in the West German team.





ROY MCFARLAND

AN outstanding central defender who would quite certainly have won more than his total of 28 full England caps were it not for a crippling series of injuries which have kept him sidelined for so much of his career. Liverpool-born, McFarland's career started at Tranmere. Made just 35 League appearances before his potential was spotted by Derby County, and he soon moved to the Baseball Ground for a bargain five-figure fee. In February, 1971 he made his full international debut in a 1-0 victory away to Malta, and had soon established himself as

England's regular centre-half. Under Brian Clough's astute management, McFarland enjoyed an outstanding 1971-72 season, helping Derby gain their first League Championship. Three years later, McFarland helped County to emulate that achievement, although by now injury was beginning to take its toll. His final England cap came in November, 1976, when Italy won 2-0 in Rome, but Roy McFarland still remains one of the finest captains in today's game, having played nearly 450 League games for Derby.

JOHNNY GILES

GIFTED midfield general and one of the Republic of Ireland's finest ever players. Born in Dublin, Giles started his Football League career at Old Trafford with Manchester United. By 1960 he had won his first full international cap against Sweden, and also helped United win the F.A. Cup in 1963 when they beat Leicester 3-1. Giles was surprisingly released by Sir Matt Busby to Leeds later that year, and under Don Revie his career soared. While at Elland Road, Giles gained two League Championship medals, in 1969 and 1974, an F.A. Cup winners' medal in 1972, a League Cup medal in 1968, and European Fairs Cup medals in 1968 and 1971. Made a total of 381 League appearances for Leeds, scoring 86 goals. From Leeds he moved on to West Bromwich Albion, where he became the first of the current successful crop of player managers. Resigned from The Hawthorns in July, 1977 to take charge at Shamrock Rovers, the Irish club in which he held joint ownership. Was also manager of the Republic of Ireland side for quite a while, and he gained the last of his 60 full caps in 1979 against Argentina. Recently took over as coach of the Vancouver Whitecaps.



LAWRIE REILLY

HIBERNIAN have won the Scottish League Championship only four times in their long history and it is more than a coincidence that in two of those seasons, 1950-51 and 1951-52, they had one of the most dangerous centre-forwards in Scotland's history, Lawrie Reilly. Here was a former winger who introduced such a tremendous amount of variety to play at centre-forward. He could be both subtle and devastating and earned a reputation for scoring goals. When Hibernian, whom he joined as a 16-year-old in 1944, carried off the title in those two consecutive seasons, Lawrie Reilly netted 49 goals in 58 League appearances. This bustling player represented Scotland in 38 internationals scoring 22 goals. No one who was at Wembley in April, 1953 (especially Scotsmen) will ever forget his performance against England that day. He worried the home defence from start to finish, scoring both of his side's goals in a 2-2 draw, the final equaliser coming with the last kick of the game. Carriage trouble forced him to retire in 1958.

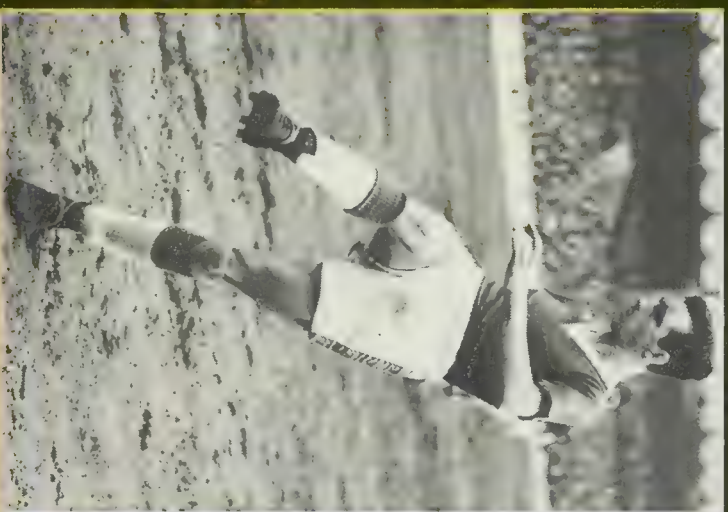
ROY VERNON

FOR a man of comparatively slight physique this Welsh inside-forward had a really powerful shot, and when Everton won the League Championship in 1932-33 he topped their score sheet with 22 goals, captaining the side with verve and determination so typical of his countrymen. Everton had first sought his services when he was still a teenager but he preferred to sign for Blackburn Rovers, winning a Welsh Amateur international cap before turning professional in 1935. He helped Rovers regain First Division status in 1938, and it was not until February, 1936 that Johnny Carey, the manager who had persuaded him to join Blackburn, but had since moved to Everton, signed the diminutive. The diminutive inside-forward was Everton's top scorer in his first four seasons at Goodison. Stoke City paid £50,000 for his transfer in 1939 and he rounded off his League career on loan to Halifax Town before trying his luck in the U.S.A. in 1970. Thirty-two Welsh international caps.

FRANK SWIFT



THERE has never been a more popular footballer than this big-hearted Lancastrian from Blackpool who became one of the most spectacular goalkeepers ever to play for England. His brother Fred was keeping goal for Oldham Athletic when Frank joined Manchester City in 1933. In his first year at Maine Road he was thrust into the first team, and, thereafter, never lost his place. Indeed, he helped City win the F.A. Cup in 1934, although the tension of that great occasion proved too much for this 19-year-old and he fainted when the final whistle sounded. "Big Swift", with the massive hands that grabbed a football as if it were a tennis ball, enjoyed a run of 192 consecutive League games for City and collected a League Championship medal in 1936-37. Surprisingly, he was not called upon by England until after War had broken out, but between April, 1943 and May, 1949 he missed only nine of England's 42 War-time, Victory and full internationals. Frank Swift was killed in the Manchester United air disaster of 1958 when working as a journalist for the "News of the World."





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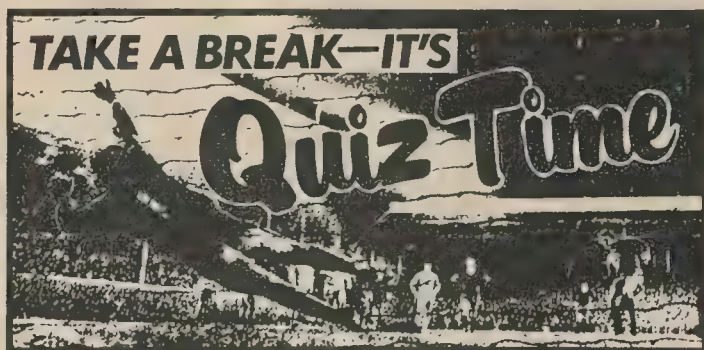
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3. Who skippered Tottenham to their 1960-61 League Championship and F.A. Cup double?
4. Did Billy McNeill, the Celtic manager, gain 19, 29 or 39 full international caps for Scotland?
5. Sir Stanley Matthews was 48, 49, or 50-years-old when he played his final First Division game for Stoke City against Fulham?

...AND PRESENT

1. Paul Mariner of Ipswich Town began his League career with Plymouth Argyle, Torquay United or Exeter City?
2. Did Brighton's Mick Robinson (right) score six, seven or eight League goals in 29, 39 or 49 League appearances plus one as a substitute for Manchester City?
3. Can you name the player-manager of Second Division Bristol Rovers?
4. Who is the recognised captain of Middlesbrough?
5. Peter, Trevor or Stan Anderson was recently appointed player-manager of Millwall?

ODD MAN OUT

1. Gerry Armstrong (Watford), David Giles (Cardiff City) and Gerry Peyton (Fulham) are international players. Which one plays for the Republic of Ireland?



2. Which club — Newcastle United, Exeter City or Port Vale — does not play at St James' Park?

3. Pat Bonnar (Celtic), Alan Rough (Partick Thistle) and Doug Rougvie (Aberdeen) play in the Scottish Premier Division. Which one is not a goalkeeper?



4. Which one of these players — Mike Channon (Southampton), Steve Gattin (Arsenal, left) or Steve Perryman (Spurs) has never appeared in a major Wembley Final?

1. Can you identify the Crystal Palace player on the left in the light strip?

2. The Leicester player on the right is a striker. Who is he?

3. Palace won 2-1, who scored the winning goal from a penalty?

4. Was the half-time score 0-0, 1-0 to Palace or 1-1?



PICTURE PUZZLE

Study the action photograph (right), taken during Crystal Palace's match against Leicester this season and see if you can answer the following questions about the game.

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TRACE-A TEAM

The names of 11 past or present Southampton players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. See how many you can spot.

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PICTURE PUZZLE 1. Jim Cannon, 2
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Fillery. (17) Web. (19) Lee.

Why 'The Kaiser' returned

by Peter Bills

THE return of 'Kaiser' Franz Beckenbauer to West German football has created the biggest sensation for years in German soccer.

Beckenbauer's return, transferring from New York Cosmos to Hamburger SV, has invoked a stream of fresh interest within the game in West Germany and raised a flood of intriguing possibilities for the next two years.

Since Beckenbauer stepped off his Lufthansa flight across the North Atlantic to a chaotic, rapturous reception in Hamburg, nothing has been quite the same in West German football.

Interest, perhaps inevitably dulled because of the lack of true personalities in German soccer, has suddenly roared into life.

National newspapers speculate daily about Beckenbauer's probable, not possible, return to the West German national side. 'National trainer Jupp Derwall must pick Beckenbauer' say the papers: the campaign for Beckenbauer's re-instatement grows among newspapers and football folk alike.

Hamburg, meanwhile, are the new favourites to win the Bundesliga title for the second time in three years. Their only serious rivals are, by a gorgeous twist of irony, Beckenbauer's former club, Bayern Munich, who stood a point behind Hamburg at the Christmas break.

Favourites

But with Beckenbauer joining a defence already boasting German international defender Mannie Kaltz, and a side littered with fast-improving international class players, Hamburg are hardly surprisingly the favourites to land the title this season, and make another assault upon Europe's most glittering trophy — the European Cup — next season.

Suddenly, Beckenbauer is back and it seems as though he's never been away. The same smartly-clipped hair, neat and tidy dress, elegant as ever on the field.

The only difference, it seems, is that the great man wears the crest of Hamburg on his football shirt rather than the Bavarian jersey of Bayern and, more recently, the fancy shirt of New York Cosmos.

Beckenbauer's return has been the major talking point of West German football this winter. It has been, in addition, the biggest story in German football circles for some years.

The biggest, in all probability, since his fabulous contract was revealed which took him across the North Atlantic in a westerly direction.

Throughout Germany, everyone has an opinion of Kaiser Franz's return. Player, supporter, club finance expert, national selector — all have joined the talk of Beckenbauer, like the spreading of a forest fire.

Beckenbauer, received rapturously like a returning king at Ham-



Beckenbauer returns to a rapturous welcome from the Hamburger SV supporters (above), and in action for his new club (right).



burg airport by all the top Hamburg club officials and thousands of fans, made his debut in Hamburg's match at Stuttgart.

He appeared as a second half substitute and the fact that Hamburg lost the match 3-2 in the day's biggest shock was no more than incidental to the Beckenbauer story.

Meanwhile, away in Munich's Olympic Stadium, Bayern were taking a point in a 1-1 draw with FC Cologne, thereby going a point clear at the top of the table.

In Munich, Bayern general manager Uli Hoeness was expressing amazement at the timing of his old team-mate's return to Bundesliga action.

"I cannot understand why he did not make his debut at Hamburg.

prepared but even so, it was a big test for me. It seemed so long since I had felt like that in a match.

"Real grass under my feet, and around me a team which knew how to play fast and to perfection, also each player knowing how to control the ball."

Beckenbauer admitted to several situations in which he wasn't certain what he should do. "I didn't know if I should go forward or stay back, if I should go for contact. But eventually, it all came back to me. I felt it was coming just like before."

The master and guiding hand, in a playing sense, behind West Germany's great achievements of the 70's — plus Bayern Munich's three European Cup wins — adds: "I have returned to my country because I have missed the atmosphere of German football, and the German stadiums."

One of Beckenbauer's new team-mates, Yugoslav Ivan Buljan, said: "He is a remarkable player. He was a supreme player earlier in his career yet he looks just as good now, at the age of 35. He will be a great asset for Hamburg — of that, there can be no doubt."

But there are those who doubt Hamburg's wisdom in paying a king's ransom for Beckenbauer's

They would have filled every seat for such a big occasion. For me, it was a strange decision."

But Hamburg coach Branko Zebec answered the criticism by saying: "Franz is a world class player and has not lost the qualities which made him the best of the liberos. So why put off his return?"

For Beckenbauer, it was a highly emotional moment. His return, in front of 60,000 fans at Stuttgart's stadium, came after an absence of almost three and a half years.

"For the first few minutes, I was really scared," he admitted. "I was

services on a two-year contract.

Bayern's Paul Breitner says: "Hamburg have been first or second in the Bundesliga table all season — they cannot be much better."

"So Franz may have trouble fitting in, for they are already a very fine side, extremely well organised. But I do not doubt that Franz will soon play again for West Germany."

"He is still the best sweeper in West Germany and his country needs him still. The successor to Franz Beckenbauer will be — Franz Beckenbauer."



"I'm never convinced of those players' drive or ambition. They've lots of experience, sure, but if they lack real ambition and determination to do a job for you, they're no good to anyone. I would prefer to take lots of young players and develop them the way I think they should come on.

"I aim to teach them the right approach, the correct attitude and get them to learn the skills of the game. If we get on well and do well, we all win. The club does well, the manager gets a good name and the players build fine reputations. That's what we are aiming for at this club."

Murphy believes Lincoln missed out on promotion last season, because he hadn't finished his transfer market dealings until January.

"I never really finished rebuilding until then so we had only

MURPHY'S IMPS LOOKING GOOD

LINCOLN are staking everything on youth, as they aim to turn a narrow failure of last season into promotion from Division Four this time.

Manager Colin Murphy now believes he has the side he wants to take City out of the Fourth Division for only the second time in 19 years.

Murphy produced a remarkable switch around at Sincil Bank at the start of last season. Within a 20 month spell, Murphy was involved in 30 transfers; 17 players leaving, 13 arriving.

Now, apart from one 27-year-old, the average age of the Lincoln first team is between 21 and 22. A young side to take The Imps back to the Third Division.

But Murphy says: "I'd much prefer it that way. I'm not convinced about the other way of doing it — getting lots of experienced players who have done it all, seen it all and have been with three or four clubs. I know some managers prefer that sort of set-up but I'm against it.



3½ months together, as the side I wanted.

"We went quite well after that, losing only three games from January 20th right up to the end of the season. But it was too late; we'd started only moderately and then had a dreadful spell from mid-October until halfway through January. We left ourselves with too much to do."

Murphy has the same side which finished last season under him this year. And Lincoln's start — 33 points from their first 23 games and second place in the table — indicated a good challenge for promotion, is imminent.

'Infectious'

"Our young side is enthusiastic and hard working, and those qualities are infectious," says Murphy. "We're all determined to do better things this time, and I'm optimistic we shall do well."

Attracting good enough gates is the problem for sides like Lincoln. But Murphy says: "As long as we get what we ought to be getting plus a few more, we'll be happy."

"Gates of around 5,000 won't make us rich, and that's why we had to say 'yes', when Swindon offered us £100,000 for Glenn Cockerill, last season. I didn't want to lose him but a club like ours couldn't afford to turn down an offer like that."

Murphy, once a player with Crystal Palace and, for a short time, manager of Derby County at a most difficult time, has seen the top and bottom of football; the glamorous side in the First Division, and unsophisticated life in the Fourth.

But bringing on the youngsters of the future may be just as pleasurable for him as buying big money stars for First Division football.

Glenn Cockerill, sold by Murphy to Swindon.

EMLYN Hughes has earned a place in the record books as English soccer's most successful club captain.

Hughes is the only man to skipper teams to all four domestic honours — League, F.A. Cup, League Cup and Charity Shield.

He has also won UEFA and European Cup winners' medals — and that's also a record. No other English player has won six of the seven major domestic and European honours.

The only one missing from Emlyn's trophy cupboard is a European Cup-Winners' Cup medal.

He says: "At 33, the odds are stacked against me getting that now. Wolves would have to win the F.A. Cup this season for me to have a chance.

"At Liverpool, winning trophies became almost monotonous. But it was ironic that I had to go to Wolves before completing the set with a League Cup win."

Crazy Horse describes the magic and the effort behind winning a bumper collection of medals



1972-73: League title and UEFA Cup.

I'LL never forget the sight of Bill Shankly on the bench, waving his arms about like a demented orchestra leader during the second-leg of our UEFA Final against Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Gladbach had given us the hammering of our lives to pull a 3-0 first-leg deficit back to 3-2 and we thought Shanks was signalling that time was almost up.

In fact, there were 25 minutes to go but we hung on to win the trophy (above).

The first-leg was eventful, too. We played in a downpour and with

no score after half an hour, I was yelling at the ref to abandon it.

He did — but we'd seen enough in that half-hour to realise they weren't good in the air. When we started again 24 hours later, John Toshack was in the side in place of little Brian Hall.

The switch worked a treat as Tosh made two goals for Kevin Keegan. We won 3-0.

By contrast, the clinching of the League title was an anti-climax. We'd had it in the bag for a long time and a 0-0 draw with Leicester wasn't exactly a memorable way of winning it.



CRAZY HORSE'S SECRET



Kevin Keegan (left, number seven) slots home Liverpool's third in the 3-0 F.A. Cup Final victory over Newcastle in 1974. League Champions again (below). Players celebrate their 1976 success.



1973-74: F.A. Cup.

SLAUGHTER in the sun is how I'd describe our 3-0 win over Newcastle. We absolutely crucified them and in the end, I felt genuinely sorry for the Newcastle players.

I knew exactly how they felt because I'd been through the same thing myself when we lost to Arsenal three years earlier.

I hadn't played at all that day and Wembley is a depressing, horrible place in which to lose, especially when you've had a stinker.

1974-75: F.A. Charity Shield.

THERE wasn't much charity in our game with Leeds. Billy Bremner and Kevin Keegan were sent-off after a squabble and it was 1-1 after 90 minutes.

We won 6-5 on penalties and I scored one of them. But the one that sticks in my mind was from Ian Callaghan. The trophy depended on it but he slipped as he ran up to take it.

There was no pace on his kick at all but as the 'keeper had dived the other way, it still went in. I can remember catching Cally as he ran off in celebration.

1975-76: League title and UEFA Cup.

AN amazing end to both campaigns that a fiction writer couldn't have bettered.

We needed both points in our final League game at Wolves to pip Q.P.R. for the title but Steve



Kindon galloped 30 yards to put them ahead in the first-half.

We were still trailing with 30 minutes to go but we'd played so well I felt goals had to come. They did — three of them.

The UEFA Final had looked even more of a lost cause when Bruges led 2-0 at Anfield midway through the second-half. But we scored three in five mad minutes and after that, I couldn't see us losing over there. We drew 1-1 with a Keegan goal.

1976-77: F.A. Charity Shield, League title and European Cup.

THE match that clinched another League Championship was hilarious — though I don't suppose the fans thought so at the time.

There were 55,000 of them at Anfield to see us play West Ham, the Championship trophy had been brought along specially — and neither team wanted to play!

The thing is, we only needed a point — and West Ham needed one to avoid relegation. So it was an absolutely certain 0-0 before kick-off.

I remember jokingly shouting to Trevor Brooking: "You stay in your half and we'll stay in ours." It was a terrible game, but at least the fans got some excitement when we ran around with the trophy afterwards.

Our 3-1 win over Borussia in the European Cup Final was a brilliant performance.

Three days earlier, we'd lost to Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final, though we'd been Wembley winners in the Charity Shield against Southampton.

I rated that one of my best ever games at Wembley. I'd just been left out of the England squad by Don Revie and knowing he'd be at the game, it was a chance to show him he'd been wrong. We won 1-0.

1977-78: European Cup

THE one time Liverpool won a European competition on home soil — and afterwards, I couldn't have felt more sick if we'd lost.

I felt the fans were cheated because Bruges didn't attempt to play. I thought they were a disgrace. They were so negative I'm convinced they played for a draw, hoping they could win on penalties.

Fortunately, Kenny Dalglish upset that plan with a marvellous goal — the only one of the game.

Emlyn (above) tussles with Sorensen of Bruges during the 1978 European Cup Final at Wembley. Liverpool won 1-0.

1978-79: League title

WE won the title with a record high 68 points and a record low 16 goals against.

To concede only 16 goals in 42 League games is incredible. But we used to go out, knowing we weren't going to let one in.

Liverpool played so well throughout the season that the other title contenders — if you can call them that — threw in the towel long before the end.

1979-80: League Cup.

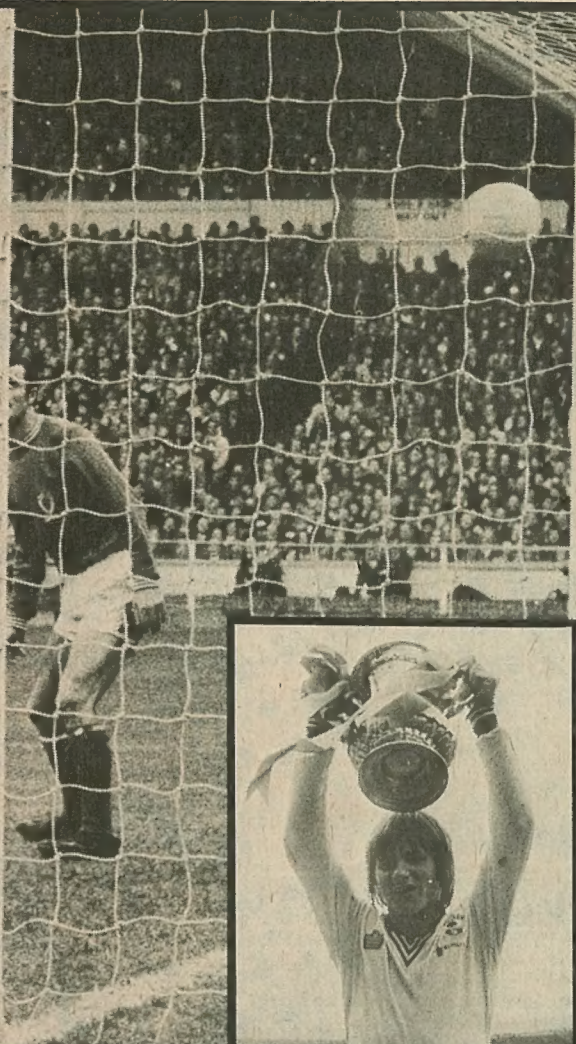
IT was ironic that I had to move to Wolves to finally get my hands on the League Cup. It's a trophy Liverpool have never won.

Wolves had finished fourth from bottom the previous season and I'd like to think my experience helped them get to Wembley and end Nottingham Forest's monopoly of the trophy with a 1-0 win.

Hughes (below) celebrates with Wolves manager John Barnwell after adding a League Cup medal to his collection.



Peter Shilton is left clutching at thin air as Neil Young's winner enters the net during the 1969 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.



Bobby Stokes, who sprung to fame with his winning goal for Southampton in the 1976 Final against Manchester United.

'THE HONOUR I'VE YET TO WIN'

I WAS only 19 when I went to Wembley with Leicester City to play in the F.A. Cup Final against Manchester City in 1969.

And one of my outstanding memories of a day that went so fast that I swear a few hours got lost was the scene in our dressing room after we had been beaten by a Neil Young goal.

The majority of the Leicester lads had spent their careers dreaming of playing in a Wembley Final and they knew only too well that the chances of them returning were slight.

I well remember that several of the experienced players consoled me by saying that I was the lucky one... I'd be back before the time came to call it a day.

But although I have since played at Wembley in two League Cup Finals and on numerous occasions for England, I'm still waiting for that prediction to come true.

While I've been tremendously fortunate compared with the majority of players when you consider I've twice been a member of a successful European Cup side, that gap in my medal collection is one which I desperately want to fill.

The F.A. Cup is special. Trying to explain exactly why is not easy, but although to win a Championship medal gives players most satisfaction, there's no doubt that the major event on the football calendar comes in early May.

The competition gives previously "unknown" clubs and players the chance to build a reputation.

And if I mention names like Yeovil or Leatherhead, or Ian Porterfield, Bobby Stokes and Roger Osborne, there's no doubt what comes to mind.

At the grass roots of football, the F.A. Cup gives people a reason for living.

Every year, they dream of capturing their own slice of glory, and the history of the competition is littered with clubs and players who have had those wishes fulfilled.

I've said before in this column that I fancy our chances of taking the trophy to the City Ground this season — and our Third Round draw at home to Bolton Wanderers hasn't made me change my view.

Second Division clubs have done well in recent years and Bolton

with their tradition and determination to get back to their glory days will guarantee to make it difficult for us.

They would be delighted to get us back to Burnden Park for a replay and repeat their 1-0 win against us in the League last season.

It's the one major competition that has continually eluded us in recent years and I'm not the only Nottingham Forest player with personal reasons for wanting to get my hands on the Cup.

In fact, I had already appeared at Wembley for England schoolboys before I went to that Cup Final with Leicester in 1969.

But I came to realise well before the big day arrived that you couldn't compare the two occasions for importance and atmosphere.

Maybe as a schoolboy I did not know the meaning of "suffering from nerves".

But I knew that the eyes of the football world would be on me when we faced Manchester City — and that's a daunting fact when you are a young goalkeeper.

In general, people only remember Cup Final goalkeepers

for the mistakes they make.

But I remember telling myself as we drove up Wembley Way that I had produced one of my finest displays against Liverpool — and saved a Tommy Smith penalty in front of the Kop — to help get us there.

That gave me confidence and although we lost, I got through the game without any disturbing mishaps.

It was an unforgettable experience and one which I am anxious to repeat — with the right result — before time runs out on me.

Peter Shilton

'We've proved Allison was wrong'

Declares Man. City new boy BOBBY McDONALD

THE departure of Malcolm Allison from Maine Road, meant a new start in their football careers for three experienced players, one of them from a Second Division side!

That illustrates the changing fortunes within the game.

Once John Bond had replaced Allison as manager of Manchester City, he made clear his priorities — good, experienced performers capable of supplementing the crop of youngsters Allison had built up.

And one of those new buys, former Coventry full-back Bobby McDonald admits: "It has been like starting a new career for me. I'd been at Coventry for four years, and my career had come to a standstill.

"This move was the best thing that had happened to me in football. City are a big club with big expectations, so we're all keen to do well for the side."

Criticism

Allison was scathing in his criticism of the new boys — McDonald, his ex-Coventry team-mate Tommy Hutchison and Bristol City man Gerry Gow.

But McDonald says: "Although it's not nice to hear someone say they can't play, I think we've proved Allison wrong already.

"City have picked up a lot from John Bond's arrival and the other lads in the team say we needed more experience within the side.

"What Manchester City needed in their precarious situation, was experience and plenty of it. Anyone could see that."

McDonald believes Bond will be happy to consolidate this season, after City's disastrous start. "But don't forget the F.A. Cup," he says. "I think we have enough ability to do well here, as the side has already proved in the League Cup.

"I'm sure a fresh injection of new faces has helped things at Manchester City. And John Bond's arrival was a great thing for the club.

"He's a man you can respect because he puts you right in the picture. If you've done well, he tells you but if you're playing badly or not doing something he wants, he won't hesitate to tell you then, either.

"That's fair enough and very different from working under Gordon Milne at Coventry. Sometimes, we'd come off the pitch after a Coventry game not knowing whether we'd done OK or not. He seldom said very much to the players."

Bond's new coach at Maine Road, John Sainty, also earns praise from his players.

"The lads think he is a very fine coach," said McDonald. "We enjoy

training and there's a smile, a laugh and a joke going through the club these days.

"That's very important, and it helps the lads get on well together. We need to know each other's play a little bit better but that will come in time."

The future for Manchester City? McDonald is optimistic, but says this season must be taken care of first.

"Things were obviously in a bad way when John Bond first arrived, on the field as well as off it. A lot needed to be done behind the scenes, as well as within the team.

"But if we stay up this season and reach the mid-table position I'm sure we are capable of, then we can use that base as a launch for better things next season."



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FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Chelsea
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Chinese, lager
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Playing golf and honest people/people being late and losing
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Cyprus
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Freddie Starr, Linda Carter
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Relaxing on the golf course
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Billy Joel, Rolling Stones, Meatloaf
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Have a few pints
BEST FRIEND: Brian Little, Dave Wagstaff (British Legion)
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father and my wife Claire
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth, Under-23, B team and one full cap
PERSONAL AMBITION: To enjoy life with my family
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Member of Parliament
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The people who keep robbing my house when I'm not in

SHOOT!